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H.E. AT LANE, CRAWFORD'S OPENING.

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An outspoken reference to the position at Canton characterised an address of H.E. the Governor at the opening this morning of Lane, Crawford Ltd.'s new premises in Exchange Building. His Excellency said that the Canton Government had not yet realised that the first duty of a Government was to maintain law and order and had connived at organised piracy and brigandage in the provincial capital and allowed unlawful tyranny forced by the strike pickets on the people of Canton.

The streets are lined with an expectant throng shortly before the arrival of His Excellency at the Exchange Building. Police lined the roadside. His Excellency was handed a key on arrival and the formal ceremony concluded with the unlocking of the door and with the pulling of a cord which released the drapings with which the lower portions of the building were covered.

In the attractive setting of the Cafe premises the ceremony concluded with toasts and speeches in the presence of a large gathering. His Excellency occupied the position of honour supported by the Hon. Mr. W. T. Southorn, Capt. H. B. L. Dowbiggin, Mr. B. R. Foster, Mr. W. E. L. Shenton, Mr. A. S. D. Cousland, Mr. F. M. Crawford, Mr. W. A. Eustace, Mr. M. Manuk, and Mr. E. M. Raymond.

Directors' Welcome.
Mr. A. S. D. Cousland, in addressing the gathering as follows, said: Your Excellency, Ladies and Gentlemen.—It is with great pleasure I have to thank Your Excellency for the honour you have conferred upon this Company by being present this morning and performing the ceremony of formally declaring these premises open, and I have also to thank you, ladies and gentlemen, for so kindly joining us to-day.

The store that you, Sir, have just opened to the public, is one of which we are justly proud, and may be considered as comparing favourably with any similar enterprise in the East.

But it is not merely as such that we claim your attention and interest to-day. The history of the firm of Lane, Crawford, Ltd., goes back to the very early days of the Colony. Many of those present will remember that the 75th anniversary of its foundation was celebrated last year, and at that time mention was made of its growth from the humble matchshop on the sea front of 1850 to the premises just cavated. To-day we see here further evidence of progressive policy, so that by its history and its present standing Lane, Crawford's may confidently be regarded as one of the institutions of Hongkong.

The many departments of the business are now assembled under one roof. By doing this we are able to offer greater facilities and better service to our many patrons, making shopping to them the delight that it should be. The room in which we are now gathered, together with the adjoining Lounge, will still further add to their comfort, and enable our customers to enjoy a quiet rest during their shopping.

Unfortunately we have not been able to complete the fitting up of our various departments. The coal strike at Home has delayed a considerable number of our show cases, but these we expect to arrive in a few days. Then our showrooms will be complete.

Before closing, I would like to add a word of appreciation of our staff, both Europeans and Chinese; without their united and unstinted co-operation, and the keenness and interest displayed, the results of to-day could not have been achieved.

I will not detain you longer, Sir, but would ask you before leaving to further favour us by visiting the different departments.

The Governor's Speech.
H.E. the Governor, addressing the gathering, referred to the fact that the firm whose re-opening in larger premises they were observing, like so much else in Hongkong, owed its beginning to the

HARBOUR DREDGING.

SCHEME NOT SHELVED FOR GOOD.

CERTAIN RECORDS TAKEN.

Yesterday, a correspondent, referring to the need for dredging in the harbour, mentioned Sir William Fitzmaurice's recommendations for dredging on systematic lines and asked when the Government intended putting any of his suggestions into practice.

Upon enquiry, the "China Mail" was informed that since the report was made, records of tides and certain depths in the harbour had been taken and more would be as certain works were put in hand. The need for extending such observations over a considerable period in order that the data might apply to all seasons of the year was stressed.

It was pointed out to our representative that the scheme of Port Development as submitted by Mr. J. Duncan, formerly Port Engineer, involved certain changes in the original scheme as submitted by Sir W. Fitzmaurice. The scheme had not been forgotten but had only been temporarily shelved on account of the unforeseen difficulties which the Colony had been facing in the last year.

Mercantile Marine. Mr. Lane, in whose mind the project of founding the firm had originated, was master of a British trading vessel in 1848 when the Colony of Hongkong had only been in existence seven years.

As was natural, Mr. Lane had difficulty in getting stores for the ship and when he next went home he persuaded one of his friends, Mr. Crawford, to become partner in this firm. The two men established the firm of Lane, Crawford, Ltd. in 1850 in a matchshop on the harbour front. From this small beginning it had grown to the dimensions those present were in a position to observe to-day, thanks to the foresight of the pioneers who founded it and the enterprise and integrity of their successors in the business. The commercial greatness of Hongkong, continued His Excellency, rests on foundations such as these and so long as the pioneering spirit and the same integrity characterised the merchants of Hongkong our commercial standing in the Far East would be sound and secure.

In 1850 this firm formed the only European bakery in Hongkong and supplied the inhabitants of the island and His Majesty's ships with most of their bread. In more recent times (in the troubles of 1922-5) the same firm was mainly instrumental in keeping up the supplies of bread and other necessities of life both in Hongkong and the outposts. Last month, after the terrific rainstorms, Lane, Crawford, Ltd., in spite of every obstacle, continued to deliver bread and other necessities as usual (applause). For this they had received the thanks of the Peak Residents' Association and he would like to take this opportunity of adding an expression of his own appreciation.

His Excellency continued by congratulating Lane, Crawford on opening in their new and larger premises at a time like this. This was proof, if proof were needed, of the vitality of Hongkong and the fertility of attempts made by organised banditry and piracy—by an organisation misnamed the Canton Strike Committee—to do permanent injury to the Colony.

Tyranny in Canton.
Canton had not yet realised that the first duty of a Government was to maintain law and order and had connived at organised piracy and brigandage in the provincial capital, allowing unlawful tyranny forced by the strike pickets on the Cantonese people.

Whatever it hoped would result, other than in injury to itself and its subjects, he did not know but there was one thing it would certainly not result in, and that was in permanent injury to Hongkong. So long as the spirit of such commercial pioneers as Mr. Lane and Mr. Crawford continued to animate the merchants of Hongkong the Colony was safe and we could go on from strength to strength.

His Excellency then called on the assembly to drink to the prosperity and success of Lane, Crawford, which was done with enthusiasm.

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OUR HEAT WAVE.

FURTHER INFORMATION WANTED.

ABOUT HUMIDITY.

[To the Editor of the "China Mail."]—Sir,—Thank you very much for your informative article in your valuable issue of to-day. We are grateful to know why it should be hot but it is hot all the same. We are still more grateful to know that we have not been inflicted with a record. Sweating even under a big fan the reading of your article gives little consolation. With all deference may I suggest that you incorporate the humidity with your article? To the air being so humid is mainly due the reason for our feeling unbearably hot although the temperature is normal.

Yours, etc.

DIAGENES.

Hongkong, August 16.

LIVESTOCK PERISH ON STEAMER.

Animals Die Off.

Although official figures published in the "China Mail" yesterday point to there being no record heat

CHOLERA.

NEWSPAPER'S ALLEGATIONS REPEATED.

CHAPPEL WATERWORKS.

Shanghai, August 17.

The "N. C. Daily News" replies to the Chappel Waterworks Company's letter and repeats the charges contained in its leader of August 13.—Reuter.

wave, it has now to be reported that in two separate instances livestock have perished.

In Kowloon, a farmer has stated that four of his pigs succumbed to the heat.

One-fifth of the cattle on the s.s. "Chung Hing" died during the voyage here (of a couple of days or so) from Kwong-chow-wan.

There were over 200 head of cattle on board. On arrival here, the carcasses of over 40 had to be removed to the slaughter house to be burned up at a charge of \$2 per head.

Some of the pigs and poultry on board the "Chung Hing" also perished but the dead animals and birds were thrown overboard.

5TH TEST MATCH.

Full particulars about the Fifth Test Match will be found on page 9; also a report on the baseball visit.

THIEF'S EXCUSE.

THOUGHT IT WAS NOT WANTED.

BOTTLE OPENER STOLEN.

A Chinese carrying a strange instrument came under the attention of the police and he was charged with the theft of what was believed to be a tool for cutting gold leaf.

When the man was brought before the Central Magistrate this morning, the police altered the charge to theft of an instrument for opening champagne bottles.

This amendment came as a result of inquiries made by the police at Messrs. Lane, Crawford, Ltd., to whom it was found the article belonged.

Defendant explained that he found the article in an old case left behind in the premises just vacated by that firm. He thought the article was not wanted and for that reason retained it.

The excuse was not accepted and defendant was sent to prison for three weeks.

TO-DAY'S DOLLAR.

The closing rate of the dollar, on demand to-day was 2/1 15/16

TRAFFIC FINES.

KOWLOON MOTORISTS IN COURT.

CLEAR DRIVER'S SEAT.

Mr. Anthony Botelho, manager of Messrs. Botelho Bros., was fined this morning by Mr. J. H. B. Nicholl, at the Kowloon Magistrate's Court, for breaking two traffic offences. The first charge against him was for driving with two ladies beside him on the front seat (\$2); the second was for having no rear light (\$3).

Mr. W. A. Bennett of Kowloon Tong was fined \$10 for failing to produce his driver's licence when called upon to do so by a constable. Defendant said he did not know it was required by law that the licence should always be carried by the owner.

Mr. Curtiss of the Duro Motor Garage at Kowloon was charged with allowing an unlicensed person to drive a motor car. The person in question was stated to be the wife of the German Consul at Canton. Defendant argued that the lady had a learner's licence, this being obtained on the afternoon of the day that they were summoned. Mr. Curtiss was dismissed with a caution.

PEAK WATER.

UNRESTRICTED SUPPLY FROM TO-MORROW.

WITH RESERVATIONS!

From to-morrow full supplies of water are to be available for the Peak and higher levels but whether that supply will continue or not depends entirely on the consumers.

Up to the present the authorities have been dependent for maintaining the supply on the one engine which survived undamaged the disaster at the Pokfulam pumping house. Over the week-end the engine which was dismantled at the time of the fall of the boulder and certain parts of which had to be re-cast in consequence of their being carried away, was put into operation and its trials were satisfactory.

The Pokfulam pumping house will therefore have two engines now in commission (both of which serve the Peak and higher levels). These are the engines which entirely served the needs of these districts up to two years ago when a further engine was installed with a much greater capacity. This latter engine has been very considerably damaged and it will be a long time before it is in working order again.

How to Help.
It will thus be seen that the Peak and higher levels are being served by engines which, although of sufficient capacity two years or so ago for supplying full needs, are not sufficient since the growth of population increased the demand.

Upon enquiry at the Water Office, the "China Mail" was informed that if residents restricted their consumption to 75 per cent. of what had been customary up to the time of the restricted supplies, it was thought possible to maintain a full and unrestricted supply in the pipes. If, however, consumers did not limit their consumption by eliminating the 25 per cent. either by cutting out waste and conserving consumption in other ways it would be necessary to cut off supplies, perhaps without notice, as there might be a serious drainage of tanks.

This news will be welcome to residents on the Peak and higher levels some of whom have written complaining of lack of supply, and the request of the authorities that supplies should be conserved will surely be acceded to in view of the vital bearing of the problem on the interests of the consumers.

An advertisement incorporating some of the above facts appears in our issue to-day.

GREAT FIRE.

THREE FIREMEN INJURED IN VANCOUVER.

\$250,000 DAMAGE.

Vancouver, Aug. 16.—Three firemen have been injured, and damage caused (estimated at \$250,000), in a fire which destroyed the building and housing of the Gutta-percha Rubber Company and the British-American Paint Company.—Reuter.

H.K. AMUSEMENTS.

SHARE REORGANISATION MEETING.

ADJOURNED SINE DIE.

The proposal to reorganise the share issue of the Hongkong Amusements, Ltd., has not been proceeded with.

A week ago an extraordinary meeting was held after the annual meeting, and an amendment was proposed. The ultimate decision was an adjournment till to-day when there were present:—

Mr. J. H. Backhouse (chairman), Mr. Lo Kan, Mr. R. E. Ost, Mr. J. M. Noronha and Mr. H. W. Ray (directors), Mr. C. S. Rossetti (secretary) and Mr. H. H. Priestley, Mr. S. C. Tam and Mr. Wong Ping-sun (shareholders).

The convening notice was first read. Then Mr. Backhouse explained that there was not a sufficient representation present of the issued share capital to obtain a 75 per cent. majority. It was not possible to proceed to vote.

"In Future."

Consequently the meeting had to be adjourned sine die. Therefore the meeting will be called in the future when and if necessary. He regretted that the valuable time of those present had been wasted.

The resolution put forward was:—

"That the 8,000 Deferred Ordinary Shares of \$5 each and the 16,000 Preferred Ordinary Shares of \$10 each in the Company be re-organised and consolidated into one class of 20,000 Shares of \$10 each to be called ordinary shares and to rank as regards dividend and capital par passu and each share to confer one vote and that the Company's Memorandum and Articles be altered accordingly."

FAIR WEATHER.

OFFICIAL FORECAST TILL TO-MORROW.

TYPHOON REPORTS.

Till noon to-morrow, the official weather forecast for all Hongkong districts is:—moderate south-west winds; fair.

Further intelligence about typhoons is contained in the Observatory report issued at 11.05 a.m. to-day, as follows:—

8.15 a.m. warning typhoon in Lat. 27 N. Long. 125 E. filling up, position uncertain.

The northern typhoon is now north of Chefoo, moving northward. The southern typhoon has filled up.

Pressure has decreased considerably from N.E. China to N.E. Japan, moderately over central Japan and slightly from the Philippines to Guam. It has increased considerably over E. China, moderately over Formosa and S. China and slightly over the Loochoos.

Meteorological readings at 6 a.m. to-day: Barometer 29.61, temperature 83, humidity 86, wind S.W. force 2; weather cloudy.

FELLING TREES.

CHINESE CAUGHT AT MOUNT PARKER.

MAXIMUM PENALTY.

The maximum penalty allowed for the offence of damaging Government plantations was imposed on a Chinese by Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy this morning.

Evidence in the case was given by a European Sergeant, who said that he was on his rounds at Mount Parker and kept defendant under observation for about five minutes, in the course of which he completed the task of felling a big tree.

Further evidence produced was a chopped off portion of a trunk forming part of a young, healthy tree. A fine of \$50, or four weeks' hard labour, was imposed.

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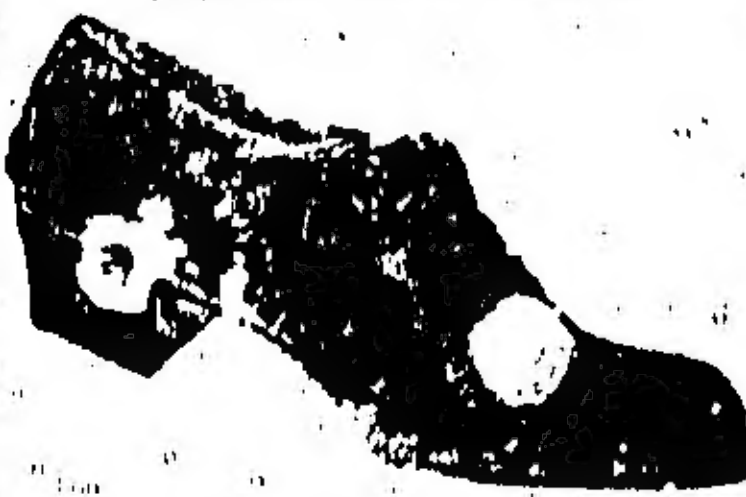
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HAROLD T. CREASY,
Public Works Department,
Hongkong, 17th August, 1926.

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Signal Station	1774
Mt. Parker	1734
Mountain Lodge	1725
The Eyrie	1725
Peak Hotel	1805
Talkoo Sanatorium	1000
Mt. Davis	877
Bowen Rd. (filterbeds)	297
Mainland.	
Tai Mo Shan	8124
Kowloon Peak	1971

MALE FASHIONS.

PASSING OF CEREMONIAL
DRESS.SURPRISINGLY SMALL
CHANGES.

To give the world, the flesh, or the devil his due, the dictates of fashion are not quite so silly as we sometimes like to pretend. Even in the case of women, the exigencies of the day's sport, transport, etc., play and always have played a much larger part in deciding what those fashions should be than in care to admit.

It is, at any rate, true that what it is utility or sentiment that initiates a new fashion, it is economic pressure for utility that kills it.

No doubt the retreat from Moscow gave our great-grandmothers the idea of the Polish Witzchoura, and the fur-topped Russian mantle and fur-topped boots, but this fashion judiciously coincided with a space for skating. After the passage of 100 years or so, the Russians wrote another page in history, and our women once more adopted Russian costume—but the fashion coincided with some particularly wet springs and winters, and the Russian hood proved a blessing—in disguise. When George III. discovered Westminster and Florizel invented the seaside habit began, and it was to counteract the sun's tangle, rather than primarily to dazzle mankind, that women introduced the straw bonnet with its projecting green shade.

But all this is, but empty phrase. The subject of woman's wear is far too big and contentious for me, said an old stager.

I am concerned with male fashions, and aim at proving that utility has dictated their form and variations, and has done so with marvellous economy of effort and expense in the last 100 years.

When Min Powdered.

The early years of the nineteenth century were sad times for young men of fashion with their purses. Greenow relates how a young officer in the Guard was threatened on parade with arrest by the Duke of Cambridge because his hair was insufficiently powdered; how powdering the hair was necessary twice a day in the season (at the cost of a guinea) and every dinner in Mayfair cost him another guinea at least in tips to the servants. In Pope's day, a dinner in Mayfair cost five guineas, in tips!

Small wonder then that even in 1813 the fashionable coiffeur of St. James's Street, Rowland (who invented Macassar oil), built up a great fortune. Even a haircut cost five shillings. History repeats itself. The end of every great war brings in an era of economy and sense.

Powdering, because of its expense and waste of time, became démodé, and powdering closets were released for purposes more utilitarian, and from that day forward economy and comfort began to be the keynote of male costume.

The Splendour of d'Orsay.

No one, I suppose, spent more time and money on dress than d'Orsay; yet in that famous print, "Hyde Park in 1834," you see him very sensibly attired in a costume suitable alike for walking or riding.

From top to toe he was exquisitely but serviceably dressed. His top hat, tapering slightly from the base, was and would still be regarded as an admirable "all-weather sports mode."

His glorious spiral stock in black satin was comfortable as well as graceful. His rolling chocolate-coloured tail-coat was no doubt the glass of fashion, but it was supremely serviceable besides—great coat and waterproof and apron all in one.

His strapped trousers had all the elegance of knee-breeches and silk stockings, but all the convenience of Jodhpurs as well. Yet in what imperceptible details he differed from the buck of Almack's in Waterloo year!

The Collar Emerges.

How little his costume varied from that of Lord Yarmouth or Lord Alvanley, depicted ten years later! The top hat was shorn of part of its crown, a limp white line of linen had emerged above the stock (forerunner of our collar), the tail-coat had grown longer and fuller, casting before it the shadow of our frock-coat.

There can be nothing very ridiculous about that frock-coat since it is still adopted as the most utilitarian wear by the most strenuous corps of fighting men in the world—the Foreign Legion.

Lord Yarmouth still showed his trousers strapped below his boots, but the base of the trousers has widened to more modern dimensions.

1844 and 1926.

If you glance at a print of Ascot Racecourse in the year 1844, you will see how astonishingly small has been the change in men's ceremonial dress in eighty years. Place the buck of 44 beside the buck of 1926 and he would excite no more than the most passing interest.

His boots are admirable and unexceptionable. His trousers appear to lack creases, but otherwise are well fitting. His morning coat buttons rather higher than ours. It buttons over a waistcoat, not quite so severely sober as our favourite pearl grey, but not noticeably out of place on the scene, premier in a modern musical comedy.

The spiral stock had already in 1844 succumbed to the collar, a single collar worn rather high up the chin, and the cravat was worn either like a modern stock or in the form of a rather flowing and artistic bow tie. Both these fashions may be seen to-day in Buck's Club or High-brow Chelsea. His top hat is slightly higher than ours, and tapers to the top very slightly. Such hats were worn at Ascot this year.

Ceremonial Dress.

The chief difference between us and our grandfathers in the matter of ceremonial dress is not in the shape or character of the garments, but in the practice of wearing them. Our grandfathers loved ceremony, we abhor it. Our grandfathers welcomed full-dress parades, we carry out our social duties in fatigue dress. The clothes remain the same, but pass more time in wardrobes.

You recall those Variety groups of your "uncles in the 'eighties." Shave the stubble and down from their chins and cheeks, and bend downwards the tips of their collars, and you have a modern group of blaudes, young gentlemen, tall, of in their county towns. For me, I still go looking in a pair of my grandfather's strapped trousers, in which he rode up to his work in Whitehall daily from Hendon, stabling his horse at the Golden Cross by Charing in the hungry forties. I still wear a coat of his for very special shooting expeditions. Its amenities would delight Colonel Hawker and its fabric make glisten the eyes of Savile Row.

When they come to write the history of male fashions in dress, they will split oceans of ink till they come to the time when William IV. succeeded his handsome brother, and then for a hundred years, and I daresay longer, they will be hard put to it to do an honest page of relevant matter.

Men caused in that period to wear stars and orders on morning dress. (Not forty years ago the eighth Duke of Beaufort attended his grandson's christening in a frock coat, brown boots, and the star of his order of chivalry. That is about the sum of male fashion changes in the last 100 years. Quite a consoling reflection isn't it—for all but the tailor!



Patrick Cardinal O'Donnell of Ireland, a delegate to the Eucharistic Congress.

SUN'S PHASES.

Calendar for August.

Sunrise and Sunset in Hongkong for August, 1926. (Standard Time of the 120th Meridian, East of Greenwich).

Date.	Sunrise a.m.	Sunset p.m.
August 17	6.01	6.54
18	6.01	6.53
19	6.02	6.52
20	6.02	6.52
21	6.02	6.51
22	6.03	6.50
23	6.03	6.49
24	6.03	6.48
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29	6.04	6.43
30	6.05	6.43
31	6.05	6.42

Music Critic (to sweet young thing): "How did you like the barcarolle at the musicale last night?"
"I didn't stay for the refreshments, Mr. Cleff."—Life.

MAYA SECRETS.

A GIANT NATURAL
CATHEDRAL.TEN TIMES THE SIZE OF
ST. PAUL'S.

Dr. Gann, the discoverer of two ruined cities in Yucatan, the intrepid traveller in Mexico, British Honduras, and Guatemala, arrived in London in mail week.

It had been expected that he would travel via Jamaica, but owing to the bite of a fly and the contracting of leishmaniasis, Dr. Gann found it necessary to go up to New Orleans for specialist medical attention. He subsequently crossed the Atlantic from Montreal.

On being asked what was the most picturesque discovery he had made, Dr. Gann characteristically replied that it was something he had "sensed," but had not seen in its entirety. It was in the vast unexplored cavern of Leiten.

"I had seen," said Dr. Gann, "heroic figures, nearly double life size, carved in the walls. Then I saw, stretching before me, an enormous chamber of which my electric torch only revealed a part. From roof to ceiling great staket-like stone columns. That underground chamber was like the nave of St. Paul's Cathedral, but ten times its size. I have seen nothing more imposing."

Reply to Critics.

With regard to the criticisms of the theories which he has evolved as a result of his discoveries, Dr. Gann said:—
"I wish to reply to the assumption that the Maya civilisation came across the Pacific Ocean from South-eastern Asia."

"Let us take the obvious objections first. There were many great cities and many millions of the Maya living in Central America before the beginning of the Christian era. Even if we assume that some boats or canoes did cross the Pacific, how would that account for millions of people, all of the same race and type, and a civilisation spread over such a large area?"

"It is suggested that the Maya sculptures of the elephant and the proof of their Asiatic origin, because there are no elephants in America. But although the elephant is not known there, the tapir which has a rudimentary trunk, a native of the country, and I have no doubt that the so-called elephants' heads are really meant to represent tapirs. I found one 'mask' in which this point was made quite clear."

Exodus from Asia.

"It is quite probable that the Maya did originally come from Asia. But if they did they must, I think, have come overland, when the two continents were not separated by the Behring Straits."

"I think that all the evidence available is in favour of the theory that the Maya civilisation was an autochthonous civilisation. The Mayas appear to have descended from a people which, in prehistoric times, inhabited the highlands from Mexico to Peru. They came down to the more fertile lowlands, and developed their civilisation there during pre-Christian ages."

"Our knowledge of their history is very vague, but in support of this theory there is one outstanding fact. In the Vera Cruz district of Mexico there is a race of Indians known as the Huasteca, who speak a language closely allied to that of the Maya. They have the language, but no traces of the Maya civilisation. This, surely, suggests that the Maya came from the highlands, left their language on their route, and developed their civilisation after reaching the lowlands."

The Giant Causeway.

"My discovery of the great stone causeway between Cobá and Chichen-Itza has been instanced as supporting the theory of the Asiatic origin of this civilisation, because such roads are common in Eastern Asia. But to me such arguments seem illogical. If these roads were frequently built in Asia, and the people who made them came from Asia, we ought to find many similar roads in Central America. But we do not."

"Again, it is likely that a people coming from Asia would have forgotten the wheel, which the Maya never utilised, or the use of milk animals, with which the Asiatics were familiar, but the Maya never used?"

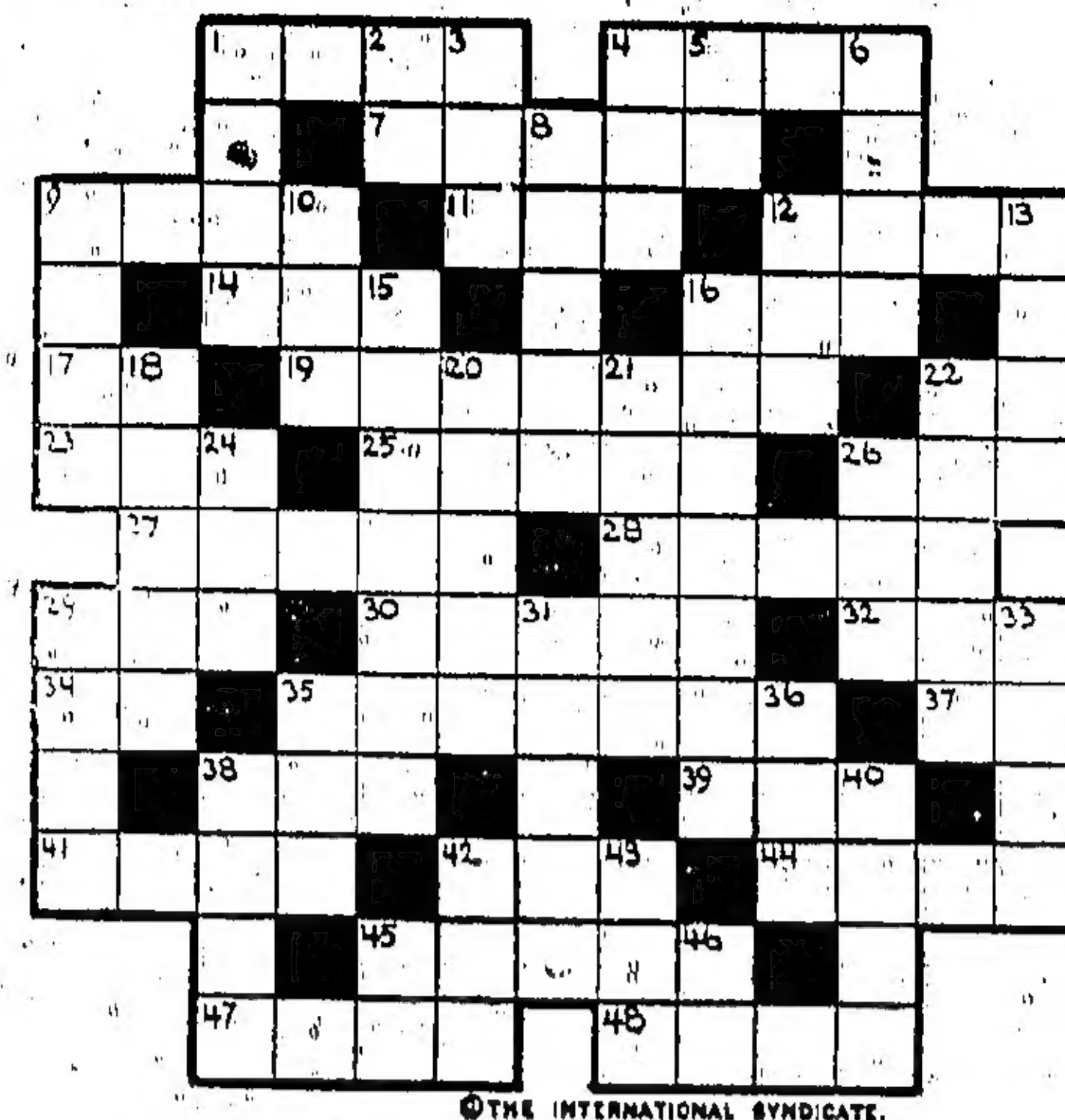
Rev. J. R. Coates left on the 10th instant for England by way of Suzet. While at Kuling he was the guest of Mrs. Arnold Foster, Mr. Coates, at Dr. Hodgkins' invitation, came from Cardiff, Wales, especially for the summer conferences at Mokanshan and Kuling.

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OUR CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



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HORIZONTAL	HORIZONTAL (Cont.)	VERTICAL (Cont.)
1—Put to flight	38—Boy	12—An iota
4—Cluster of thickened leaves growing underground	39—Amount	13—At that time
7—Attitudes	40—A mixture of spirits and water	14—Seized
9—Marine vertebrate	42—Not many	15—Places of poullar sanctity
11—Article	44—The one following	18—Liste
12—Bump	45—Danger	20—Attack
14—Pie	47—Pried	21—Very cool (poet.)
16—Male child	48—Converse	22—Breakfast dish
17—From		24—To throttle
19—Fetched		25—Winged mammal
22—Exhalt		26—Ruler of a kingdom
23—Light vehicle		31—Donor
24—A little child		32—Rhymer
25—Prohibit		33—Bark
26—Young sheep		34—Heavenly body
28—Spring flower		35—Lengthy
29—Small barrel		40—Humble
30—Commence		42—Offered food to
32—The highest point		43—One clever at repartee
34—Extra		45—The Keystone State (abbr.)
35—Betoken		
37—Not in any wise		

SUGGESTIONS FOR SOLVING CROSS-WORD PUZZLES
Start out by filling in the words of which you feel reasonably sure. These will give you a clue to other words crossing them, and they, in turn, will tell others. A letter belongs in each white space, words starting at the numbered squares and running either horizontally or vertically or both.

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

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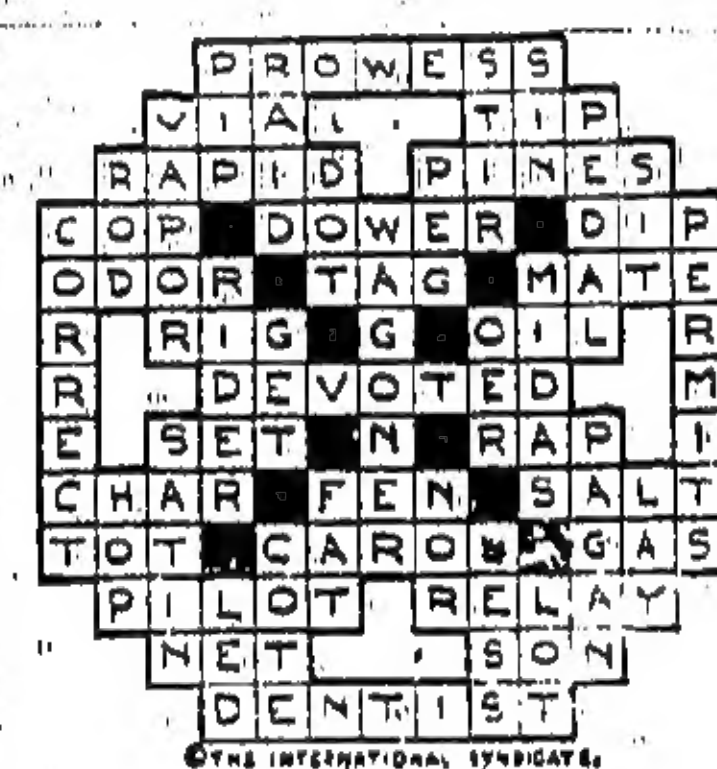
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NAGPORE	5,283	10th Sept.	M. Isles, L. Isles, H. Isles, R. Isles, Antwerp & Hull
KIDDERPORE	5,334	13th Sept.	S. Isles, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
MALWA	10,341	18th Sept.	Marseilles and London
KASHGAR	9,006	2nd Oct.	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull
KHYBER	10,318	10th Oct.	Marseilles & London
MAINTUA	10,302	13th Nov.	Marseilles and London
DEVANHA	8,155	25th Nov.	S. Isles, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
KARMALA	9,128	27th Nov.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
MAVEDONIA	11,089	11th Dec.	Marseilles and London
DELTA	8,097	23rd Dec.	S. Isles, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
KHYBER	9,135	25th Dec.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
MALWA	10,341	8th Jan.	Marseilles and London
KALYAN	9,144	22nd Jan.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
MOREA	10,318	5th Feb.	Marseilles and London
KASHGAR	9,006	19th Feb.	Marseilles, London and Antwerp
MAINTUA	10,302	5th March	Marseilles & London
MONGOLIA	10,594	19th March	Marseilles & London
MAVEDONIA	11,120	2nd April	Marseilles & London
KARMALA	9,128	16th April	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
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TALAMBA	8,018	28th Sept.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta
SHIRALA	7,841	3rd Oct.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta

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TANDA	6,956	27th Aug.	Manila, Sandakan, Thursday Island, ST. ALBANS, 4,500, 1st Oct., Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney and ARAFURA, 6,000, 25th Oct., Melbourne.
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MALWA	10,341	19th Aug.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
SANTHIA	7,754	22nd Aug.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
TILAWA	10,006	28th Aug.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
NELLORE	8,853	3rd Sept.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
KASHGAR	9,006	3rd Sept.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
ST. ALBANS	4,500	7th Sept.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
TALAMBA	8,018	10th Sept.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
MOREA	10,318	18th Sept.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
KHYBER	9,135	25th Sept.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
ARAFURA	6,000	1st Oct.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka and Yokohama
MAINTUA	10,302	18th Oct.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
KARMALA	9,128	29th Oct.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
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Passengers for the Far East by the French Mail s.s. "Fontainebleau" have now arrived by the "Amazone" of the same line. Full particulars about the fire on the "Fontainebleau" in the Red Sea, were published some days ago in the "China Mail." Mr. O'Toole, of the Shanghai Police Force, is one of the passengers on board.

LOCAL SHIPPING.

TO-DAY'S ARRIVALS AND
CLEARANCES.

THE MORNING LIST.

This morning, the following sea-going arrivals at Hongkong were reported:—

City of Wellington (3629) Br. from Hamburg, Singapore; Bank Line.

New Mathilde (842) Br. from Haiphong; Yik Tai.

Pres. Hayes (6195) Am. from Boston, Shanghai; Dollar Line.

Song Bo (720) Fr. from Haiphong; M.M.

Titaroom (3667) Dutch, from Batavia, Balikpapan; J.C.J.L.

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SHIPPING NOTES.

DUTCH BOAT MEETS A
TYPHOON.

TO-DAY'S ARRIVALS.

On the voyage here from Batavia and Balikpapan, the J.C.J.L. s.s. "Titaroom" (now in port) met a typhoon. No details are given in the report.

Ocean going tonnage which arrived in Hongkong overnight and to-day comprised:—
"Kwangchow," with 1,452 tons of rice and general cargo from Bangkok.

The French steamer "Balguerie Stutenberg," with 598 tons of cargo from Saigon—believed to be a new edler.

"Mingsang," with 759 tons of general cargo and passengers, from Haiphong.

"Wong Shek Kung," with 1,700 tons from Saigon.

N.Y.K. "Toyooka Maru," with 368 tons of general cargo from Bombay and Singapore.

"Benruikie," 700 tons of general cargo from Leith and Singapore. Agents, Messrs. Gibb, Livingston and Co.

"Taikoo Wan Yi," with 4,520 tons of coal from Hongay (in transit).

Tanker "Broad Arrow," brought no cargo, alongside Standard Oil Co.'s wharf at Laichikok. Came from Calcutta.

"Hydrangra," with general cargo and livestock from Kwong-chow-wan.

(Note: figures given above do not include cargo for further ports).

The s.s. "Mishima Maru" of the N.Y.K., which was scheduled to make port to-day, will not arrive to-morrow morning, according to the advice received by the local office. She will be despatched for Australia via Manila on August 19, with cargo and passengers.

The round-the-world liner "President Hayes," which arrived yesterday afternoon with cargo and passengers, left at 8.00 a.m. to-day, ahead of her schedule time. She is bound for New York, via Manila and the Suez Canal, on her return trip.

With 5,500 tons of general cargo for Japan and 790 tons for Hongkong, the s.s. "Penang Maru" arrived in port this morning from Calcutta via Singapore. She will be despatched for Japanese ports to-morrow at noon.

The Messageries Maritimes liner "General Metzinger" is expected to arrive to-morrow morning from Yokohama via Shanghai, and will clear on August 19, for her return trip to Marseilles via the Suez Canal.

30 DEATHS FROM BURNING & DROWNING IN STR. FIRE.

Hankow, August 10.

There have been 30 deaths, all Chinese, from burning and drowning, as a result of a fire which broke out on the s.s. "Taiyuen Maru" on August 7, below Cheng-lingchi.

The monetary loss on the vessel and cargo is in the neighbourhood of \$500,000, which is largely covered by insurance.—Reuter.

ARRIVED HERE.

PASSENGERS ON "PRES.
HAYES."

Among the passengers, for Hongkong, on board the Dollar Line "President Hayes," arrived yesterday were:—

Mr. J. H. Suckling, general manager for the Hongkong and Shanghai Hotels at Shanghai.

Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Ross; Mr. Ross is manager of Messrs. Lever Bros. Ltd., Hongkong.

Miss Helen Eva Yates, a popular young writer from the United States. Miss Yates has been connected with the "China Press" at Shanghai, and intends to stay several weeks in Hongkong before proceeding on her tour of the world.

Mr. B. C. Lee, connected with the Bank of Canton Ltd., Hongkong.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Carruthers McMichan. Mr. McMichan is export manager for the New Home Sewing Machine Co., New York. He is combining business with pleasure.

Mr. Clark of Newcastle, Australia, accompanied by Mrs. Clark. Mr. Clark is retired and is availing himself of Hongkong's splendid climate for a few weeks' holiday.

Lt. Reynold Cobbold, of the British Army.

Miss Winifred Deck and Miss Kathleen Grant of Sydney, Australia, who come to see the sights at Hongkong.

Mr. Henri Laffond of Lyons, France, a retired business man.

CONSIGNEES' NOTICES.

Consignees of cargo ex s.s. "Kina" are reminded that goods remaining undelivered after August 20 will be subject to rent.

Consignees of cargo ex s.s. "City of Wellington" are reminded that goods remaining undelivered after August 23 will be subject to rent.

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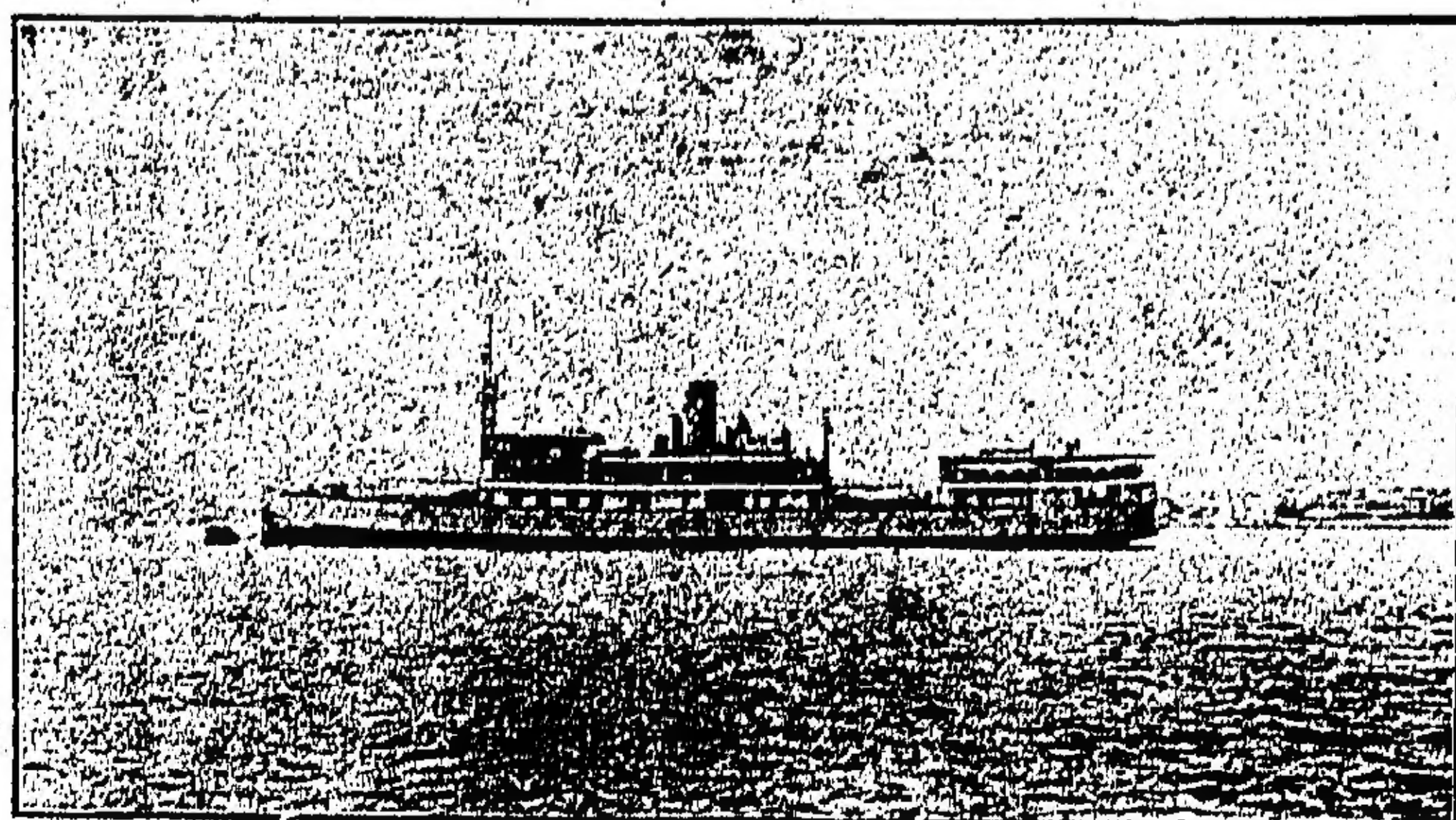
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SIBERIA MARU Monday, 21st September.

SOUTH AMERICA via Japan, Honolulu, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Mexico & Panama.

GINYO MARU Tuesday, 31st August at Noon.

ANYO MARU Tuesday, 12th October at Noon.

MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP via Singapore & Ports.

FUSIMI MARU Saturday, 28th August.

HAKOZAKI MARU Saturday, 11th September.

SYDNEY & MELBOURNE via Manila & Ports.

MISHIMA MARU Wednesday, 18th Aug. at 11 a.m.

TANGO MARU Wednesday, 22nd August.

NEW YORK and/or BOSTON via PANAMA.

HAOKOTO MARU Tuesday, 24th August.

TAKETOYO MARU Monday, 6th September.

BUENOS AIRES via Singapore, Durban & Cape Town.

KAMAKURA MARU Saturday, 21st August.

BOMBAY via SINGAPORE & COLOMBO.

TOKUSHIMA MARU Monday, 30th August.

CALCUTTA via SINGAPORE, PENANG & RANGOON.

MURORAN MARU Friday, 20th August.

NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.

TANGO MARU Saturday, 21st August.

SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.

PENANG MARU (calls Moji) Tuesday, 17th August.

TOYOOKA MARU Wednesday, 18th August.

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CHOLERA GERMS.

CHAPEL WATERWORKS' TERRIBLE STATE.

DIRT & NEGLECT INDESCRIBABLE: CREEK WATER GERMS.

Responsibility for Present Epidemic.

This article which follows should be read in conjunction with the report by Dr. C. Noel Davis, Commissioner of Public Health, appearing in the Shanghai Municipal Gazette. It is written with a full knowledge of the import of every statement made therein: contradiction is challenged and even would be welcomed if it could be shown that there has been the slightest exaggeration, says the "N.C. Daily News."

Of very many of her possessions Shanghai has the best cause to be proud. One such is the water supply. The Metropolitan Water Board (London) has come to be regarded as something in the nature of a pattern to the world, yet for two years in succession Shanghai's water has been of a higher standard than London's and we can afford to laugh at the best that America can show, despite the existing inducements for that country to distribute the very best water. Yet just over Shanghai's border, in Chapel, the unfortunate resident have been paying for water and receiving what it is no exaggeration to say has been nothing better than liquid filth. One who has been concerned during the past few days in a work that should rank almost on a par with any battle against plague, remarked to a "North-China Daily News" interviewer: "On hearing that the Chapel waterworks were not met by a small remittance exactly of a pigmy—the nauseous smell of decaying vegetable matter. Within were storage tanks, filter-beds and other places that should have been cleaned every four days, but obviously had not been touched at least for a month and probably more. There was a well over which I would have challenged you to hold your head for 30 seconds."

Alarming Outbreak of Cholera.
The facts that led to the discovery of these conditions were almost as nauseating, and centre round the cholera epidemic, of which much already has been written. It first appeared in Shanghai on June 19 and though in any year it is something that cannot be regarded lightly, this summer the epidemic assumed the most alarming proportions. Up to the end of July 1,399 cases, many of which terminated fatally, had been notified and hundreds more have occurred since, despite every precaution. Melons and flies alone hardly could account for such mortality, for there was nothing to support a suggestion that they were more prevalent than in any other year.

Statistics once again proved their worth, for when tables were drawn up the facts stood out that the majority of the cases came from Chinese territory and 65 per cent. of the latter from Chapel, so obviously in that area was to be found the source of the trouble. The agents of cholera are no secret and immediately Chapel's water supply came under suspicion. It will be no news that for several years past Chapel's water supply has been notorious. People have written in a serio-comic way to the Press, telling of "fish" coming through the water taps and the water being so thick that the bottom of a basin could not be seen, but never was there any lasting improvement, although frequent complaints were made.

Tap Water Full of Germs.
With all this in mind, the S.M.C. Public Health Department secured samples of Chapel Water from the intake on Soochow Creek, the filter-bed outflow and a tap on the main, and in every case Cholera Vibrios, the specific causes of the dread disease, was found. It will be sufficient to say of Cholera Vibrios that it is a very delicate organism and water must be very bad for it to exist therein.

There followed prompt and energetic representations to the Chapel authorities as a result of which the latter, in the most expressive language of Flanders, "got the wind up vertical" and they made no bones about asking for foreign assistance. The latter was readily given and though the men have been at work less than a fortnight, and by no means have accomplished all that is necessary, for that would take a very long time, it is satisfactory to learn that on Wednesday water was being drawn from the Chapel plant, which though not crystal clear, was potable and reasonably safe.

General Neglect.
There is a comradeship amongst men in all professions—though it is difficult to persuade oneself that the Shanghai and Chapel waterworks can be put in the same group—which holds them back from belittling a fellow practitioner, but one can get information from a variety of sources and something of the condition of the Chapel waterworks

CANTON'S WAR.

CHANG KAI-SHEK REACHES CHANGSHA.

NATIONAL EFFECT?

Canton, August 16.

The Nationalist Government of Canton yesterday received a telegram from the commander-in-chief of the Nationalist Army, General Chang Kai-shek, announcing his arrival at Changsha (in Hunan province).

A decisive development in the national situation may now be expected.—Canton Information Bureau, via Reuter.

has been ascertained. The blame for the disgraceful state of affairs cannot be laid to the account of any one man, but rather to a variety of conditions, the whole being well representative of the manner in which the Chinese, when left to themselves, run any public undertaking. If not incompetency, at least a lack of thorough technical knowledge, no pretence at discipline, of course "squeeze," no encouragement of those who would do the right thing if allowed, and "maskee" in general were the factors that temporarily ruined the Chapel waterworks and brought on a cholera epidemic which has cost hundreds their lives and endangered thousands more.

Originally the waterworks belonged to the Government, but about two years ago they were taken over by a private company, which also runs the electric light service. The electricity part of the undertaking pays, but the water service does not, and people who have been in China some years will not need to be told how much interest Chinese show in anything that does not give them immediate profits. It is understood that the salary of one of the most senior employees is not much more than £1,000 a year! He is said to be a reasonably able and conscientious man, but if all those under him are paid at proportionate rates, the results may be imagined. Small wonder that such scarcely recognizable as such has been used and that cholera apparently has been unknown in the works.

An Unspeakable Intake.
The waterworks have a piece of filtering gear of British make and the most up-to-date pattern, but the bottom has rusted out of it through neglect! Everywhere where filth could accumulate was choked with it. Beggar huts were planted over thicker and thicker in the immediate neighbourhood of the intake in the Soochow Creek and within a few yards of the intake there was a fleet of beggar boats at practically a permanent anchorage. A start was made with new works on another site, but there was the usual procrastination and for all that has happened the work might as well never have been started. The Shanghai Waterworks had been supplying Chapel with 1½ million gallons per day, but more than four million gallons in addition had to come from the Chapel plant, so that the well-nigh perfect water was almost neutralised by the grossly impure.

As stated, the Chapel authorities, because they simply could not help it, sought foreign aid. What has since been done is too much of a technical nature thoroughly to be understood by a layman, but in the space of a week the workmen have cut out what was too far gone to be immediately used, run new connecting pipes here and there, poured in chlorine to an almost unheard-of extent, and given the machinery and plant as much cleaning as was possible. The police also were called upon to do what they could to shift as many as possible of the beggar huts and boats as far from the intake as could be managed, and arrangements are being made to establish a new intake on the Huangpu. So it may be that shortly the service will be made perfect in all departments, but the question is—How long will efficiency be maintained when foreign aid is dispensed with?

Pipes Badly Fouled.
An expert engineer was asked if he could give an opinion generally about the Chapel plant. He said that with modern methods there was no water that could not be made perfectly drinkable, and that, as to the Chapel plant, really it was quite as good as any water engineer need have, if only it were treated properly. Apart from the actual works, however, there is a further danger. Naturally, with water of such an order flowing through them, the mains must have become foul. As yet there has not been time to examine them, but it is a certainty that inside them there is a layer of filth, caked more or less hard. It is possible to get this out; it is a long and tedious job, varying in difficulty according to the amount of the deposit and how hard it may be. It may even be necessary to relay the whole system. For the moment, however, with the type of water now running, there is no danger.

TEST POINT.

MONEY LOAN SOCIETIES PRACTICE.

SUMMARY COURT CLAIM.

A test question as to whether a trustee of a money-loan Association which fails is liable for the full amount of subscription with interest or only for the actual amount of money paid in is a test point to be decided before Mr. Wood in the Summary Court.

A preliminary hearing was before Mr. Justice Wood this morning when an undrawn member of the Association was represented in a claim for \$280 by Mr. D. McCallum.

Mr. McCallum explained the practice in such Association. When a member came along and made a tender (the tender being the amount of interest he was prepared to pay to each undrawn member), if he made a tender of \$1 it meant that he was prepared to pay \$1 interest to undrawn members. The undrawn member would contribute \$4 in the case of \$5 shares and retain \$1 as interest. A drawn member paid the full \$5.

The point has also to be decided in the case in question as to whether the alleged trustee was, in fact, the founder of the Association. His Honour adjourned the case until Saturday for the production of certain account books.

PROMOTION.

COMMANDANT OF EAST SURREYS.

A BREVET COLONEL.

Lt.-Col. Francis S. Montagu-Bates, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., East Surrey Regiment, commanding the 1st Battalion, Hongkong, was promoted brevet colonel from July 1.

Colonel Montagu-Bates, says the "China Express and Telegraph," began his service in Lumsden's Corps, an irregular corps, which came into existence during the South African War, and did splendid service, getting his commission from trooper in 1900. While with Lumsden's Corps and the East Surreys in South Africa he did some hard riding and fighting and earned the Queen's Medal with four clasps.

He afterwards served with the South African Constabulary. In the late war he was adjutant of the 1st Battalion, served on the staff, and commanded a brigade in Salonika, his experiences extending over the fighting in France and Belgium, 1914-15, Greek Macedonia, Serbia, European Turkey, Islands of the Aegean Sea, Egypt and Russia.

Only recently, the popular C.O. of the local infantry relinquished the post of acting G.O.C. on the return here of Major-General Luard.

COLONY'S HEALTH.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES RETURN.

A WEEK'S DETAILS.

Last week's return of notifiable disease to the Medical Officer of Health again showed enteric fever (typhoid) predominating. Details follow:—

Enteric fever: 5 fresh cases (3 from city, 1 each from Kowloon and Shaikwan), all Chinese (1 imported). One death during the week. Diphtheria: 2 cases (1 from city, 1 from Kowloon), of which 1 was British, the other Chinese—1 death. Cerebro-spinal fever: 1 Chinese case from city.

Yesterday's return comprised:—2 Chinese cases of enteric fever (1 from city, 1 from Aberdeen village). 1 Chinese case of puerperal fever, from city.

ORIGINS OF THE WAR.

Berlin, August 4.—The following semi-official communiqué is issued here:—The Paris "Figaro" recently published a statement to the effect that shortly before the outbreak of war there was a conversation between the King of Spain with the then Emperor William, from which King Alfonso took away the impression that Germany had but one idea—to declare war on France.

"Official" German investigations have shown beyond all dispute that the last meeting between the two monarchs occurred in the winter of 1905 in Berlin, and that, while the Spanish Sovereign was in Germany at a later date, he did not meet the ex-Emperor, so that the "Figaro" statement is devoid of all foundation.

ECHO OF 1914.

BRITISH CLAIM AGAINST AMERICA.

SEVERAL MILLIONS INVOLVED.

Mexico City, Aug. 16.

The Vera Cruz Terminal Company, which is British, is preparing to file claims against the American Government for several million dollars damages owing to the American occupation of Vera Cruz in 1914.—Reuter.

MR. L. E. HAYNES.

ADMITS THAT HE WAS EXTRAVAGANT.

EXAMINATION CLOSED.

In His Britannic Majesty's Supreme Court (in Bankruptcy) on August 4, the public examination of Mr. L. E. Haynes was conducted by Mr. G. W. King, O.B.E., sitting as Acting Judge. After a series of pertinent questions were put to the bankrupt Mr. King closed the examination with a few words of advice on the question of extravagance.

Admitting a total indebtedness of some \$6,370 to various creditors of which the largest item was \$1,200 and the smallest \$18, the debtor said that he realized that he was extravagant and if he had a few dollars in his pocket he must buy what he fancied, yet he would not have been in the position he was if he had been allowed to work without the worry of so many legal actions in the Court.

Only one creditor out of the eight present wished to ask any questions.

Mr. C. E. Shephard elicited the information that debts amounting to \$4,018 are in connection with the Oriental Press which printed a monthly journal called the "Far Eastern Spectator." Had that paper been a success the creditors would have shared in the profits, Haynes declared.

For the moment Mr. Haynes could not see how he would be able to liquidate any of his debts as the only employment he had in view was an offer of \$100 a month to contribute to a local bazaar which would start on August 13. Just now he was living with a friend, he said.

The examination was then closed as the official receiver thought that nothing further could be done in the matter.

ATLANTIC CABLE.

2,500 LETTERS A MINUTE.

FINISHED THIS SUMMER.

This summer the work of laying the world's "fastest" cable, 3,800 nautical miles long, will be carried out. The new line, which will afford direct communication between New York and London, and will be the twentieth Trans-Atlantic cable, will have a speed of 2,500 letters per minute. It will be eight times as fast as any cable now connecting these two points, and considerably faster, says an American paper, than the copper strand connecting New York with the Azores, which at present possesses the distinction of being the world's fastest cable.

Like the New York-Azores cable, the new one will be sheathed in a wrapping of permalloy. This is a new metal whose discovery was the result of the growing demand for speed in Trans-Atlantic communication. Permalloy is an alloy of iron and nickel.

While engaged in the laying of this cable the ship—in this case the "Colonial"—must proceed in as straight a line as possible, and other ships must keep out of her way. A detour of a mile or more might result in the unnecessary laying of two or three miles of cable at a cost of more than one thousand dollars a mile.

When engaged in active duty the "Colonial" will fly the cable sign. This is an internationally recognised signal that the ship is engaged in cable laying, and must be given a wide berth by all other craft regardless of their ordinary rights.

Rome, August 11.—The Italian-Spanish treaty recently signed in Madrid is purely of European and North African scope and contains no references to North or South America, according to assurances by a government spokesman to-day. He said: "Italy has no imperialistic intentions in South America as there is room politically for every one, including England, in the Mediterranean, and economically for every one in South America, especially the Latin nations."

P.I. JUNIOR PARTNER.

WITH AMERICA AS SENIOR PARTNER.

FOR 49 YEARS.

New York, Aug. 10.

Major William H. Anderson, head of the Luzon Sugar Company and other interests, gave the "United Press" a signed statement for publication throughout the country advocating the "Morgenthau formula" whereby the Philippines would become junior partner in the American commonwealth.

He believed that this relationship could be established for a definite length of time, perhaps 49 years, by means of an agreement modelled along the lines of an ordinary business contract executed for the mutual benefit of two parties.

Agrees With Thompson.

He said that he was in complete agreement with the views of Colonel Thompson as reported in recent messages from Manila, to the effect that the present economic uncertainty in the Philippines must cease before reasonable economic development could take place.

"As long as there is political uncertainty and stagnation in the Philippines," said Major Anderson in his statement, "there will be commercial and financial stagnation. The present political uncertainty has produced a stalemate of all kinds of progress in the islands."

Furthermore, the liberty of 1898 is rapidly becoming the opposite in the eyes of the Filipinos. In order to reach a satisfactory solution of the Philippine question there must be an assurance of permanency and stability in order to induce the investment of American capital in the islands.

In Favour of Autonomy.

"Whatever the agreement is, it must include the promise of ultimate realisation of what I deem the legitimate aspirations of the native inhabitants." In the most few paragraphs he reiterated a belief in Philippine independence and gives reasons for believing that American business in the islands would prosper under an autonomous government.

"However," he continued, "any arrangement for the immediate solution of the problem must come from the Filipino side. The situation is now drifting rapidly toward chaos. We must abandon the hope of having what Americans understand as 'effective government' in the Philippines and must be content to maintain a relationship between the United States and the Philippines which is mutually most beneficial."

"The United States needs rubber, coffee, silk, sugar and 2,000,000 tons annually of tropical nuts and fruits." The Philippines, he said, was the logical source of supply.—"United Press."

SALT GABELLE.

AN ASSOCIATE CHIEF INSPECTOR.

Peking, Aug. 16.

Mr. F. Hussey Freke, from the Haiho Conservancy, Tientsin, signed a contract on Sunday evening as Associate Chief Inspector of the Salt Gabelle, and assumed office on Monday morning.—Reuter.

SAFE!

U.S.S. ASHVILLE GOING TO SHANGHAI.

Shanghai, Aug. 16.

The U.S. gunboat "Ashville," which was caught in a typhoon, is safe and coming to Shanghai under her own steam.—Reuter.

Shadows Before.

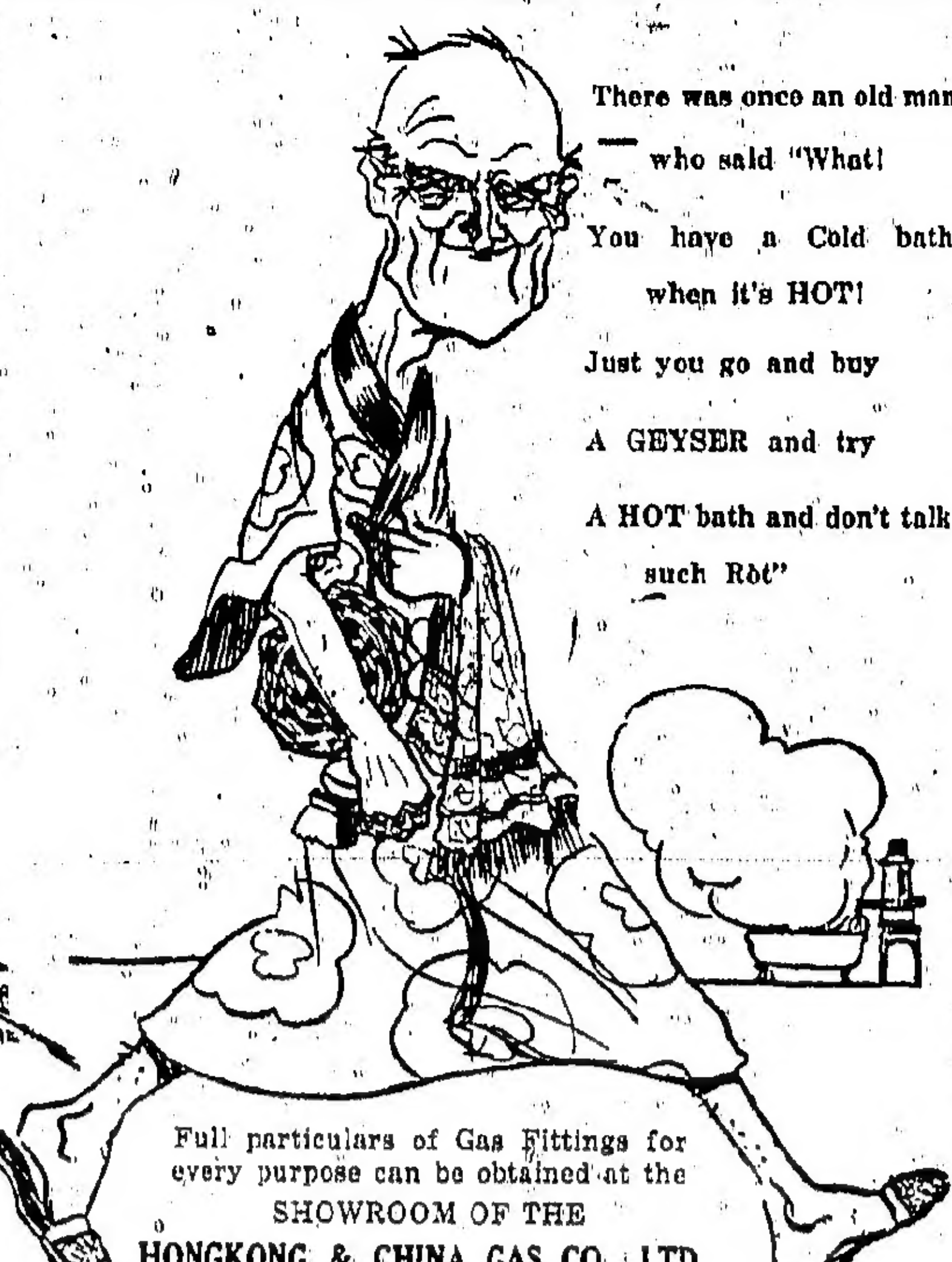
COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN THE "MAIL."

Entertainments.

August 17—Queen's Theatre: "A Thief in Paradise."
August 17—Star Theatre: "The Bad Man."
August 17—World Theatre: "Why Men Leave Home."

Sports.
August 17—At Happy Valley. All Star Filipino Baseball team v. U.S.S. Helena, 4.30 p.m.
August 18—All Star Filipino Baseball team v. All Hongkong, at Happy Valley, 4.30 p.m.

Auction.
Aug. 18—At Lammert Bros. Sales Room, valuable household furniture, etc., etc., 2.30 p.m.
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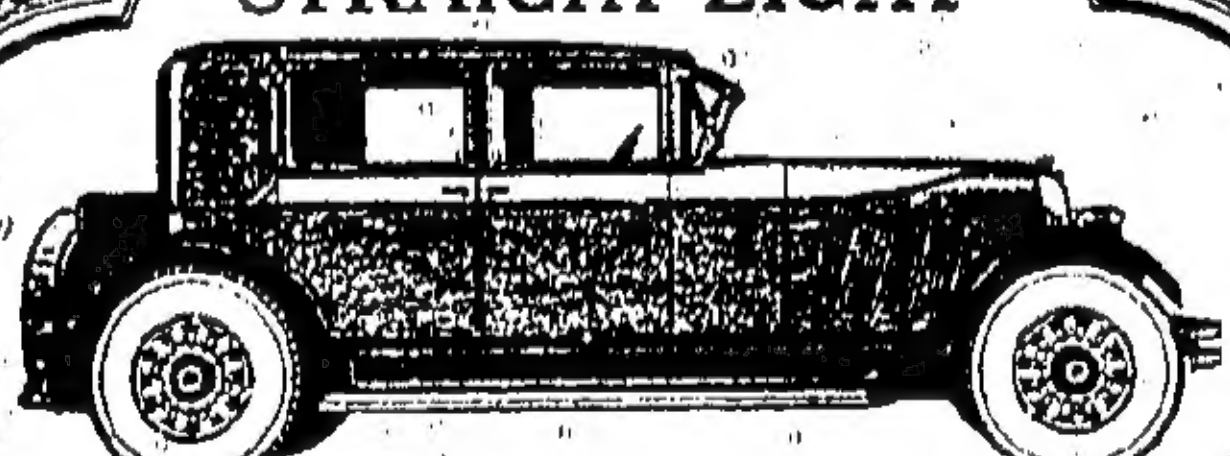
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SOOTHING & HIGHLY ANTISEPTIC.

The troopship season of 1926-27 will open on September 21 with the departure of troops from Southampton for various Eastern garrisons.

An extra "bathing bench" steam-launch ferry will be provided on week-days. As from today it will leave Pottinger Street pier at 3.30 p.m. and Kowloon Police pier at 3.45 p.m.

Constantinople, August 12.—Messages to-day from Aleppo say that Druse tribesmen sacked a train between Aleppo and Damascus, holding all the Armenian passengers, including the former chief of police of Damascus.

Cairo, July 28.—While the debate in the Chamber was proceeding, an owl flew in and settled down. Owls are regarded as birds of evil omen and so the sitting was suspended while the deputies co-operated to drive it out.

London, July 28.—Paris.—The University Council has sanctioned the foundation of the Sorbonne of a Wireless Telegraphy Institute to broadcast lectures by eminent professors. The Institute opens in November. The question of examining and awarding certificates is still undecided.

Salem, Kentucky, August 12.—Five miners who were imprisoned by a cave-in at the Hudson mine a week ago were brought to the surface alive to-day. One of them was critically ill with a cold and a wrenched back. The others were in good condition but weak from hunger. The rescuers worked unceasingly for seven days.

London, July 29.—In the House of Commons, replying to a question regarding Flying Officer Denny and Aircraftman Hirst, who are alleged to be prisoners of Sheikh Mahmud, in Persia, for over six months, Mr. G. Ormsby-Gore said the High Commissioner at Baghdad and the Charge d'Affaires at Teheran were doing their utmost to secure their early release. The Persian Government had expressed its determination to assist in every way possible and were taking active steps.

Dixon, Ill., August 12.—The Illinois primary law of 1910, covering all candidates except those for the legislature, was today declared unconstitutional by three circuit judges.

Naini Tal, July 19.—Thirteen inches of rain fell yesterday but no landslips occurred in the station proper. Two bridges between Mithcodam and Naini Tal have been washed away. Several landslips have occurred in the motor road. Traffic is entirely closed.

Paris, August 11.—The text of the treaty of amity with Roumania is withheld and probably will not be published for a few days. It is understood to provide for the maintenance of the status quo in the Balkans and for the arbitration of all differences between France and Roumania.

Tokyo, August 8.—The foreign office stated to-day that Japan had entered an agreement with the German dye industry whereby a committee should be appointed to decide all questions arising from important dye stuffs with a view to insuring fair treatment to both countries. It was also stated that the agreement makes probable a German-Japan commercial treaty.

Madrid, August 10.—The war office announced that troops of the Spanish colonial army had captured the holy city of Xauen, the last of the Rifian strongholds in the Spanish protectorate. With the exception of Tetuan, which is now the Spanish headquarters, the fighting around Xauen during the last year has cost more Spanish lives than any other point.

Dallas, Texas, Aug. 9.—Both Governor (Mr.) Ferguson and Daniel Moody will be certified for the Democratic nomination for governor in the run-off primary. The Democratic committee decided to-day. The committee denied the request of Governor Ferguson that Moody's name be not certified. The official canvass of the primary vote to-day showed that Moody was 1,771 votes short of a majority of all the votes cast, making it necessary for the two highest candidates to run in a second primary.

Washington, August 1.—The State Department, in minimizing the importance of the Pan-Asiatic Congress which is labelled as a gathering of Chinese, Hindus and radical unimportant Japanese elements.

Canton, August 3.—Word has reached here that Great Britain has further added to her possessions at Singapore by purchasing hundreds of acres of land on shore line, and two island tracts, and which, with her other holdings, constitutes a formidable beginning for her great Asiatic naval base.

Manila, August 10.—The senate last night confirmed in executive session the appointments of Judges Platon, Quintero, Rovira and Borbon made by the governor general during the last legislative recess. These appointments were the first important ones favorably acted upon by the senate.

Rantoul, Illinois, August 8.—Lieutenant C. E. Partridge was killed to-day when his aeroplane took a fall spin and fell 500 feet to the ground. Harold C. Wilson, flying cadet, went to his assistance when his plane side-slipped. Cadet Wilson was seriously hurt and may die. Lieutenant J. R. Wolf, a passenger in Wilson's plane, also was seriously hurt.

New York, July 15.—The first aeroplane taxi service, operated by an hotel was inaugurated to-day, when four hotel guests "taxied" to Philadelphia. The service was inaugurated by the Hotel McAlpin by arrangement with the Currier Flying Service Company. When the guests ordered their aerial taxis they were taken to the North River at 34th street in an automobile and there boarded the planes.

Moscow, July 15.—Two thousand seven hundred new schools will be opened in Siberia with the commencement of the ensuing educational term, report the Siberian Educational Authorities. This is the first stage in the introduction of universal education. The Educational Authorities have taken special measures to train teachers from students graduated from the middle schools. Several hundred teachers are also to be brought in from European Russia.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL NEWS.

Mrs. T. Lathan, whose husband died a few weeks ago, has left Kuala Lumpur, and will sail for home by the "Hector" from Penang.

Among passengers embarking on July 16 at Marseilles in the P. & O. s.s. China, was Sir Edgar Rees Jones, for Hongkong.

Sir Frederick James, who was formerly Colonial Secretary at Singapore and is now Governor of the Windward Islands, and Lady James have arrived in England.

Iphigene, August 6.—An appeal by Mrs. Ferguson Davis for £50 to send a European crippled child to England, resulted in £70 being subscribed through the local paper in 24 hours.

The following forthcoming weddings are announced.—Mr. David C. Wilson, of the Newspaper Enterprise Ltd to Miss Hilda Bell, of 148 Queen's Road, Wimbledon, S.W. 19, who will arrive in the Colony by the P. & O. Moreau. Mr. Percy John Austin, of the Chinese Maritime Customs, to Miss Winifred Suckling, who will arrive in the Colony by the s.s. Khyber.

Lt.-Com. A. S. Hutchinson, R.N. will join H.M.S. "Titan" in Hongkong, in the first week of September and take over command of a submarine of the Fourth Flotilla. He joined the service in 1914, and in the early part of the late war was a midshipman on the ill-fated "Queen Mary," sunk at Jutland. He was latterly serving with the battleship "Centurion," Reserve Fleet, Portsmouth.

The "London Gazette" notifies that the King has approved of the following appointments:—Mr. G. L. Winterbottom as Consul of Siam at Bombay; Mr. Keizo Naito as Consul of Japan at Rangoon; Mr. W. R. Wright as Consul of Japan at Durban; Mr. A. W. Micallef Eynaud as Consul of Siam at Malta; Mr. J. J. Mucio as Vice-Consul of the United States of America at Hongkong.

A tragic accident occurred in Bangkok last week, involving the death of a Malay woman. Mr. G. A. H. MacPherson, who came out to join the Borneo Company, Limited, about two years ago, was driving an Opel car along New Road, when he dashed into the woman, who was waiting for a tram with her husband. Mr. MacPherson was taken to the Police Station but was later released on bail of Tcs. 8,000.

H.R.H. Prince George joined H.M.S. Hollyhock at Nanking on August 5, and proceeded in her to Weihaiwei where he will rejoin H.M.S. Hawkins.

Among civilian appointments by the Admiralty is that of Mr. A. H. Stokes, first-class draughtsman, for the Constructive Department of the Hongkong Naval Yard.

H.M.S. Teal left for the Upper Yangtze on August 12, Commander C. M. Butlin, D.S.C., has been appointed in temporary command of H.M.S. Teal to replace Commander Higgins, whose death occurred a short while ago.

Mr. F. de Paul Britto, Consul-General for Portugal, has left Shanghai for a vacation in Japan. During his absence the duties of Consul-General will be undertaken by Mr. J. H. Botelho, the vice-consul.

It is rumoured in Kuala Lumpur that Mr. C. V. Espeut, Director of Public Works, will go to the Colony as Colonial Engineer in succession to the honourable Mr. Park, who will be going on leave towards the end of the year preparatory to retirement.—"Times of Malaya."

Mr. L. R. Burkhart, an old and popular resident of Shanghai, returned to Shanghai by the Dollar liner "President Hayes" yesterday. Mr. Burkhart has been touring the United States on a pleasure jaunt, and he embarked on the "President Hayes" at New York, coming right the way through to Shanghai with the same vessel.

"I'm going to smash into Shanghai with a big noise—like this!" demonstrated Douglas Fairbanks, striking his hands together, when he said good-bye to Ralph Parker, interviewer and travel writer now at the Hotel Plaza. Fairbanks said that he hopes to visit Shanghai next year. Parker, who writes under the pseudonym of Marco Quest, is in Shanghai to write about several local celebrities for American magazines.

Mr. T. Hynes, Superintendent of the Mails Department of the Hongkong Post Office, departs from Hongkong for New Zealand to-morrow by the s.s. Changte on leave. He will be away for about ten months, and his many friends in the Colony hope to see him return to Hongkong at the expiration of his holiday, fully restored to health and with renewed strength. For some months past, Mr. Hynes has not been in the best of health.

Two ladies, respectively from Liverpool and Dublin, have secured the Diploma of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons.

New Orleans, La., August 9.—Colonel Clement Story, aged 72, said to be the first man to volunteer for the Spanish-American war, died here to-day.

Lieutenant J. S. Baker, R.N. second aide-de-camp, has been appointed first aide-de-camp to the Governor of Singapore, vice-Major V. G. Olive, resigned.

London, July 30.—Geneva.—A message from "Sofia" says that the betrothal of King Boris of Bulgaria and Princess Giovanna of Italy is considered an accomplished fact, though it has not been officially announced.

A report comes from Kuala Lumpur that Mr. C. R. Harrison, of the Malayan Civil Service, who is now at home on leave, has undergone a serious operation and possibly may not be returning to Malaya. Mr. Harrison was acting as Under Secretary to F.M.S. Government prior to going on leave. He is an able officer and if he does not return to Malaya it will be a loss to the country.—"Times of Malaya."

Rogers, Arkansas, August 9.—William Hope Harvey, who became nationally famous as a free silver advocate during the first presidential campaign of William Jennings Bryan, died here to-day at the age of 75. He was the author of several books on financial subjects and theories of currency. Harvey was the author of "Coins Financial School" which gained tremendous vogue during the 1896 campaign. He was universally known as "Coin" Harvey.

When Mr. David Beatty, Secretary for Chinese Affairs, goes on leave, possibly prior to retirement, Mr. A. M. Goodman, Protector of Chinese, Perak, will probably go to Singapore in his place. There is also talk of Mr. W. T. Chapman, Secretary for Chinese Affairs, F.M.S., retiring. Both Messrs. Beatty and Chapman are only fifty years old and, if the report is true that they are contemplating taking their pensions, their departure will be a grievous loss to Malaya. Such experts in matters Chinese are not made in a day. Perak will be sorry to lose Mr. Goodman to the Straits Settlements, but would welcome Mr. A. B. Jordan, at present Protector of Chinese, Selangor, in his place.—T.O.M.

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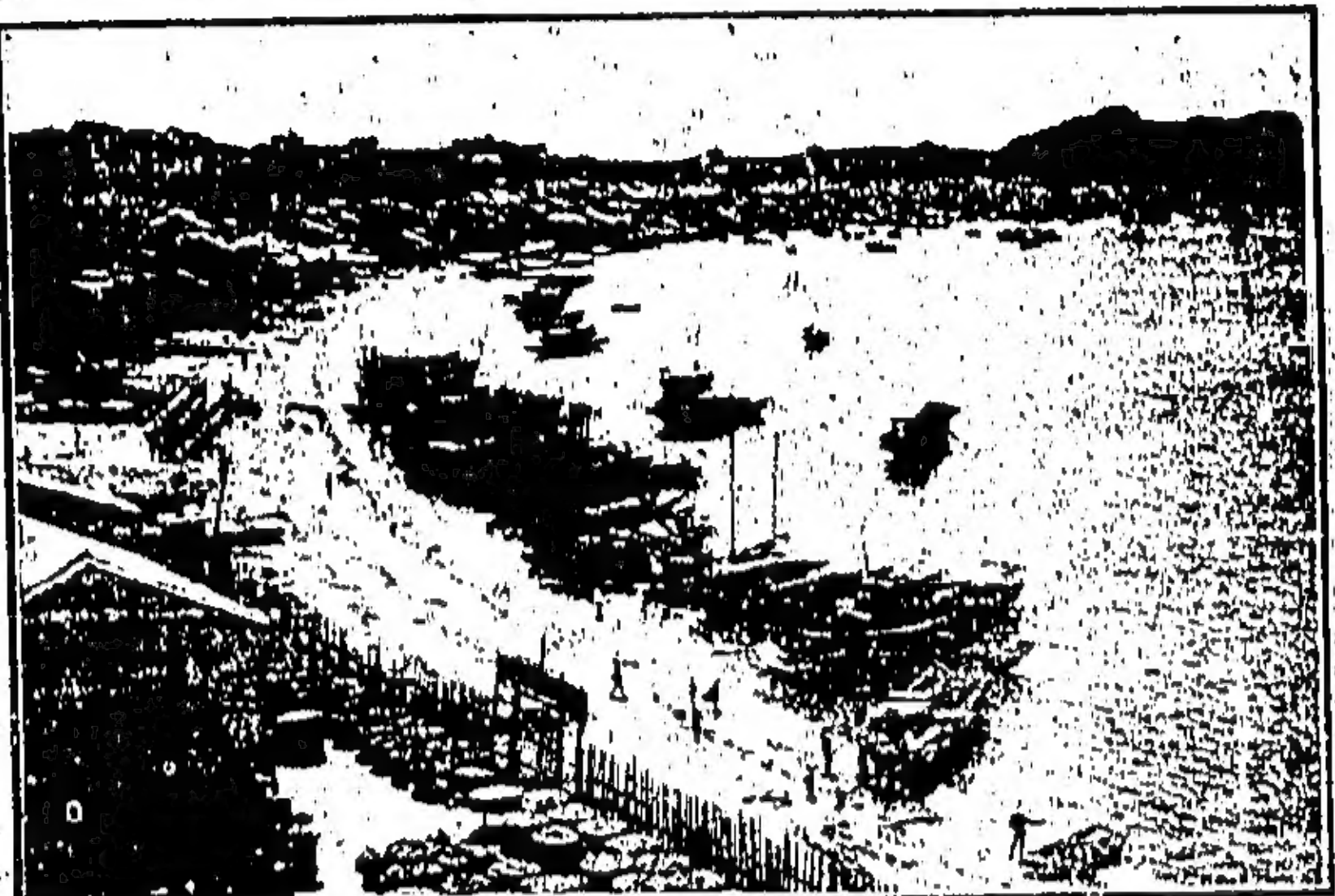
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TEST SURPRISE.

AUSTRALIA REPLY WITH 302 RUNS!

ENGLAND BAT AGAIN.

Slow Progress in Second Day at the Oval.

After being in danger, Australia exceeded England's 1st innings score by 22 runs. England opened her 2nd innings before the close of play, yesterday and are 27 runs ahead, with all wickets intact.

Australia owed her advantage to the "batting tail" wiggling furiously after the opening cracks had failed.

Features of the second day's play in the Fifth (unlimited time) Test Match are:

Very slow progress, as less than 300 runs were scored in the day.

Chances Very Open.

On Saturday the wicket was "drying." Yesterday the wicket was "good." So far, Australia has had the better of the wicket, England batting on conditions which suited the bowlers more, and Australia consolidating her position after the wicket had improved during the week-end rest.

Chances are very open. Everything may depend on the state of the wicket now.

Unless rain intervenes and prevents the wicket from drying, and does not play "funny," the Old Country ought not to find it difficult to make runs. To be reasonably sure, England must set the Australians 400 to win. Less is dangerous.

Pros & Cons.

England has an advantage in the opportunity to wear the wicket before the Australians bat again. But to wear the wicket, England must needs make runs.

Ordinarily, the Oval wicket wears fairly well. It is pointed out, however, that an English wicket lasts four days. Unless there is an English collapse to-day, Australia will not have as good conditions for the 4th innings as yesterday. On the other hand, their batting strength is heart-breaking. Their advantage is that they will know exactly how many they need for victory, and the Aussies.

One other point. The score of 302 is the lowest by the Aussies, in a completed innings, in the present series of Tests.

THE DAY'S PLAY.

Rhodes' First Wicket.

At the Oval, a.m. There were 20,000 spectators when play started.

The weather was warm and the wicket good.

Woodfull and Collins, the not out batsmen overnight, continued Australia's innings, facing Tate and Larwood.

In 30 minutes they added 16 runs (total 74).

When the score was 84, Rhodes relieved Larwood. This change was successful as a separation was effected 6 runs later. Woodfull played on to his wicket a ball from Rhodes, his score being 35. (5-90-35). Collins was now 16.

Being the opening batsman, Woodfull stayed 2 hours and 10 minutes and he hit one four.

A Brilliant Catch.

At the Oval, before lunch. Before lunch the attendance increased to 30,000 and the gates were closed at 12.15 p.m.

Richardson had gone in to partner his skipper, Collins.

Between Rhodes (the veteran bowler) and Collins, there ensued a grim duel. Collins was most determined.

This 6th wicket partnership had produced 32 runs in just an hour when Richardson was sent back. (6-12-16). Richardson made a red-hot drive to Geary, fielding at mid-off to Rhodes's bowling, and Geary held the ball most brilliantly. Collins sportingly congratulated Geary by going over to him and shaking his hand.

Gregory Hits Out.

Then Gregory went in to partner Collins and these two added 107 runs to the total before a separation.

Gregory played a merry innings. Undaunted by the responsibilities (of making a stand) he indulged in hard hitting and scored frequent boundaries off all the bowlers.

By the lunch interval, Collins had been batting 2½ hours and his score was 38. Gregory had been at the wickets for only ¼ hour and his score was 58.

With 12 extras, the total now stood at 166 runs for 6 wickets down.

This meant that Australia had lost two more batsmen but had added 106 to the total.

LATER IN THE DAY.

Both Gregory & Collins Out.

At the Oval, after lunch. The attendance increased to 33,000.

Gregory was in for 100 minutes before he was taken at short leg by Stevens, off Tate's bowling.

His contribution was 73. (7-22-73). Collins's score then stood at 60.

Gregory's innings was distinguished by his courage and his straight driving. He hit 10 fours.

Oldfield went in. Two overs later, Collins was out, being beautifully caught by Stevens in the gully, off Larwood's bowling.

As Oldfield had made 1, and Collins had added 1, the score then read 8-231-61 (only 2 runs after the 7th wicket fell).

Collins made a real captain's effort. He was very dogged, batting 3 hours and 43 minutes and hit only 2 fours.

England's Score Passed.

At the Oval, tea interval. Grimmett went in to partner Oldfield.

Collins and Gregory having paved the way, it was left to this pair to pass England's score. Their partnership produced 67 runs—possibly the deciding factor in the match!

Oldfield (wicket-keeper) and Grimmett (bowler) defied all the temptation of the English bowlers and remained together until the tea interval, when Australia were 6 runs ahead of England. Out of the total of 286 runs for 8 wickets, Oldfield made 20 and Grimmett 32, both not out.

And when Grimmett went in, Australia needed 49 runs to tie.

Australia All Out.

At the Oval, after tea. After tea, Oldfield and Grimmett continued.

They put on another 12 runs (making 67 for the partnership) and then Grimmett was out. He was bowled by Tate (5-298-65).

Oldfield's individual total now stood at 29.

Mailey (the other bowler) was last man in.

This wicket-keeper never opened his account, but Oldfield made 4 more (total 33 not out) and then Mailey was caught at the wicket, off Tate. (11-302-0) bringing the innings to a close.

Tate could not have bowled very rich, or else the Aussies kept "playing" him. Stevens proved expensive as did Geary but they made splendid catches. Larwood got 3 wickets and Rhodes took 2 for only 35 runs. (See analysis below.)

DEFICIT WIPED OFF.

Hobbs & Sutcliffe Bat Again.

At 5.30 p.m. Hobbs and Sutcliffe were sent in to open England's 2nd innings, 22 runs in arrears.

By 6 p.m. (i.e. after 30 minutes batting) they had wiped off the deficit.

Then they both became cautious. Evidently careful play paid. They remained together till sunset when they were 27 runs ahead again, with all wickets intact.

The score at the close was 49 runs for no wicket. Hobbs was 28 and Sutcliffe 20, both not out.

Play continues to-day. The scores as given by the cables are:

England—1st Innings.

Hobbs, b Mailey 37

Sutcliffe, b Mailey 20

Woolley, b Mailey 18

Hendren, b Gregory 8

A. P. F. Chapman, St. Oldfield, b Mailey 49

C. T. S. Stevens, c Andrews, b Mailey 17

Rhodes, c Oldfield, b Mailey 28

Geary, run out 9

Tate, b Grimmett 23

Larwood, c Andrews, b Grimmett 0

Studdwick, not out 4

Extras 11

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

Runs. Wickets.

Gregory 31 1

Grimmett 73 2

Mailey 138 6

Macartney 16 0

Richardson 10 0

Australia—1st Innings.

W. M. Woodfull, c Rhodes, b

Larwood 35

C. G. Macartney, b Stevens

25 (Richardson) for 122; (Gregory)

2 for 229; 8 (Collins) for 231; 9

(Grimmett) for 298; 10 (Mailey)

for 302.

Partnerships: overnight 4 for

69, Woodfull and Collins 31; 6th

(Collins and Richardson) 32; 7th

(Collins and Gregory) 107; 8th

(Collins and Oldfield) 2; 9th (Old-

field and Grimmett) 67; 10th

(Oldfield and Mailey) 4.

England—2nd Innings.

Hobbs, not out 28

Sutcliffe, not out 20

Extras 1

Total (for no wkt.) 49

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OUR SELECTORS.

ALL HONGKONG BASEBALL PLAYERS.

A "FAN'S" QUERY.

(To the Editor of the "China Mail")

Sir—Who are serving as selectors for Hongkong baseball?

I am not a player nor do I belong to any club. I pay my entrance regularly and enjoy a good game. From the names announced I see that the team to represent Hongkong has been well chosen.

To whom is the credit due? Do the officials of the Association, ex officio, act as selectors?

Although the nomination has been done satisfactorily I will prefer to see the choice put on a business footing. Not as, say, in football and other branches of sport where a few busybodies have all the say and use that say without much headwork.

Yours, etc.

FAN Q. FAN.

Hongkong, August 16.

COUNTY CRICKET.

TWO OUTRIGHT VICTORIES IN TWO DAYS.

SOME LOW SCORES.

Two county cricket matches have been completed in two days. Scores were low.

London, August 16.

At Cheltenham, Gloucestershire lost to Surrey by 97 runs. Scores: Surrey (1st) 198 runs; P. G. H. Fender (captain) made 53. Parker took 6 wickets for 105 runs.

Gloucester (1st) 200 runs. Dipper made 91. Fender took 4 for 47.

Surrey (2nd) 171 runs. Peach made 61 not out. Parker took 3 for 96.

Gloucester (2nd) 72 runs. Fender took 4 for 25.

Another Match.

At Cardiff, Glamorgan lost to Northamptonshire by six wickets. Scores: Glamorgan (1st) 140 runs. M. J. Turnbull made 57. Thomas took 6 for 27.

Northants (1st) 149 runs. V. W. C. Jupp made 55.

Glamorgan (2nd) 122 runs. Northants (2nd) 117 runs for 4 wickets. Reuter.

The amended table will be published to-morrow.

TENNIS TOUR.

CHINESE R.C. DEFEAT MACAO.

At Macao during the week-end, the Chinese Recreation Club defeated Macao, at doubles, in a lawn tennis match, by five matches to four.

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beat A. H. de Mello and C. A. da Silva 6-3, 7-5

beat R. M. Xavier and M. A. da Silva 6-2, 6-2

lost to Villa Franca and Fernandez 1-6, 3-6

[C.R.C. 2 matches, Macao 1.]

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BASEBALL STARS.

EASILY BEAT HONGKONG CHAMPIONS.

LOCALS' PLUCKY FIGHT.

With nineteen hits and hardly an error, Mariano Sangle's "All Filipino baseball stars" won easily in the first match of the local series, against the South China (local champions) at the Happy Valley diamond yesterday afternoon.

The locals were blanked out in all nine innings and were a failure as a batting side, but their strength lay in the field in the first five innings when they played a faultless game and kept down the hard hitting stars to a total of four runs.

Chinese Hero.

Smart double play between first, catcher, and second base was put in by South China in the fourth inning which dismissed Bernales, who got away on a three-bagger, and Ramos who stole two.

Leung was the hero of the South China side and gathered six flies at left field. Prominent on the visiting side, in the field, was Rivera at right, who took two beautiful flies. He also struck clear of centre field for the only home run in the match, this during the seventh inning.

During the match only two men on the local side were able to make second base. One of them who walked to first and stole a base was put out reaching third. Birtullo created the most favourable impression as pitcher and his swift under-throwers puzzled the local champions.

Features of Play.

S. L. Lee pitched in his usual good form and allowed the field to collect all the flies. Hitting in the air proving an unprofitable pastime with the safe men in the out-field, the visitors later adopted low but speedy drives which, with the uneven ground, resulted in many errors. Four out of all ten errors were in the seventh inning. There were seven hits and eight runs in this inning.

On the whole South China put up a plucky fight against the reputed players. It is doubtful whether the U.S. "Helena" team will do quite so well this afternoon, and in any case the pitching is likely to be roughly treated by the hard hitters of the visiting side.

Teams and score by inning were:—

Shim c.f. Montalbo

Yee rf. Rivera

Shing 2b. Hugo Ramos

S. L. Lee p. Liboon

Leung 3b. Casimiro

June 3b. Bernales

S. S. Lee c. C. Platon

T. Chinn 1b. Regis

Choy ss. M. Platon

Changes.—South China: K. Chinn, rf. (4th). Shim, p. S. L. Lee, c. (8th). Stars: Birtullo, p. (4th). Ylanan, 2b (6th). Tombo, p. (7th). Toribio, c. (8th).

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Stars 1 1 2 0 0 3 8 3 18

Runs.—M. Platon (4), Casimiro

and C. Platon (3), Bernales

and Ylanan (2), Birtullo, Montalbo, Regis and Rivera (1).

Hits.—South China, 3; Stars, 19.

Strike-outs.—Liboon (8), Birtullo (5), Tombo (3).

Bases on balls.—S. L. Lee (2), Tombo (2).

Errors.—South China, 10; Stars, 0.

To-day's Game.

The match this afternoon will commence at the usual time, 4.30, and the line-out of the U.S.S. "Helena" team will probably be as under:—

Jones (short stop), Coulter (left field), Beers (centre field), Harding (second base), Chiuco (first base), Koblis (right field), Butler (catcher), Nickson (pitcher), Russell (third base).

U.S. BASEBALL LEAGUES.

Including results of August 12, the U.S. Major baseball league tables stood at:—

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W. L. Pct.

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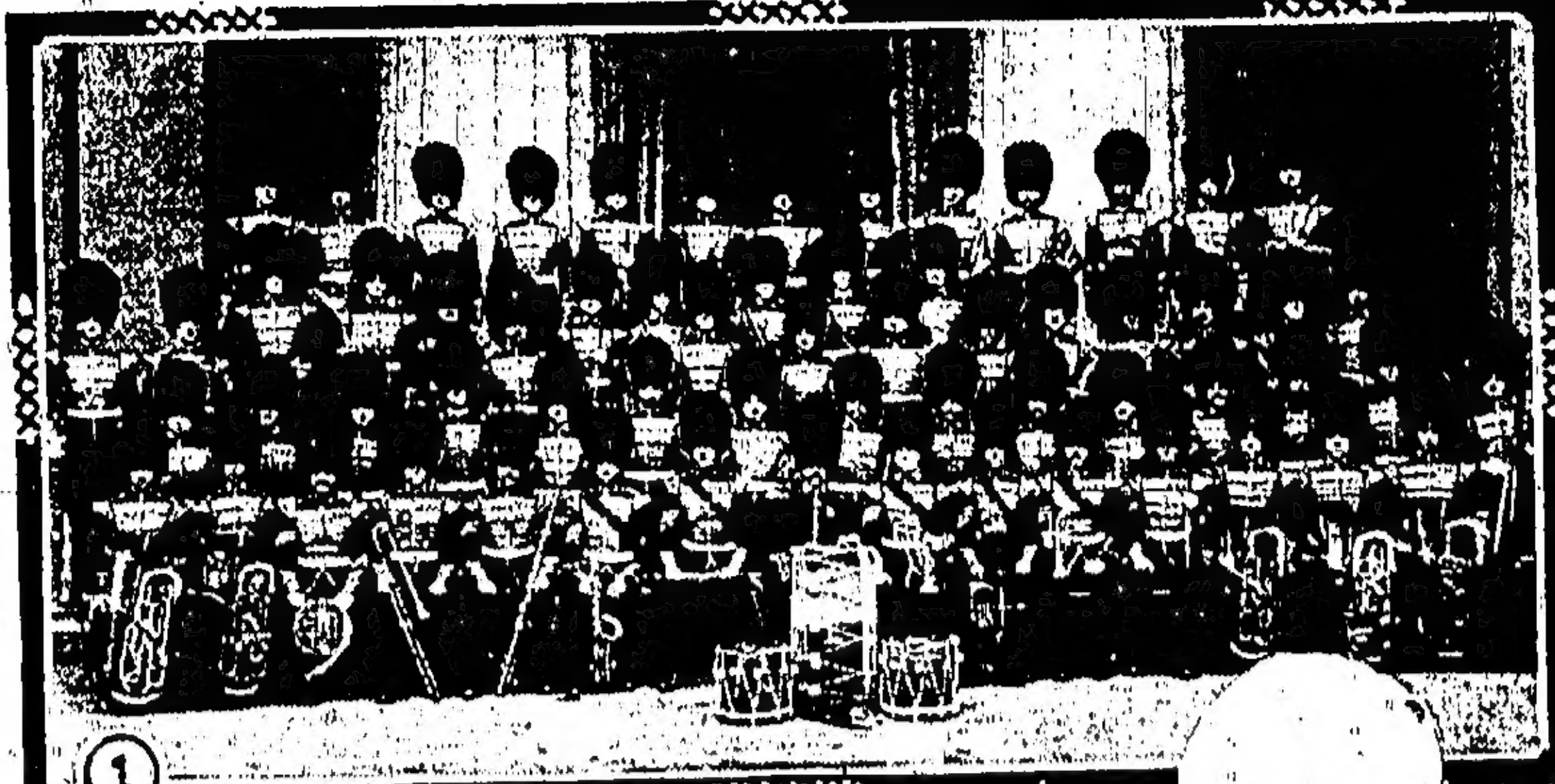
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People and Events in the News of the World



John J. Kindred, Democratic representative from New York, entered the race for the Senate. He is a "wet."



Here is the Band of the famous Coldstream Guards, which left the Homeland to fulfill a number of engagements in Canada.



Mrs. Margaret Henderson was arrested on charges of attempting to kidnap her own son, David (five), who had been adopted by a wealthy American family.



Preparing a donkey for the "classic" race in which leading Home jockeys took part, in aid of a church fete.



H. M. the King, with Queen Mary, visiting the Agricultural Show at Reading where His Majesty won many prizes.



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RABBI STEPHEN S. WISE

L. F. Loree, railroad magnate, is the central figure in a new billion dollar merger. Mayor James J. Walker, of New York, announced his intention of closing night clubs early to save the good name of the city. Secretary of Labour James J. Davis was a leading figure in the Moose Convention in Chicago. Stephen S. Wise, noted Rabbi, called for Europe to regain his health.



Mrs. Isabelle Combes Gwathmey, whose disagreements with Archibald C. Gwathmey, former head of the New York Cotton Exchange, dragged through divorce courts for six years, was married to Robert Simpson, lawyer. Photo shows them leaving church in New York.



SEN. WILLIAM H. KING



WILLIAM MITCHELL



VISCOUNTESS RHONDA



LORD ASTOR

Senator William H. King told Peter Paul Walsh, Pittsburgh police chief, that he should be fired when the officer gave damaging testimony in the Pennsylvania primary investigation. William Mitchell, noted aviation critic, is recovering from an operation in Washington. Lord Astor was beaten in an effort to win seats in the House of Lords for Viscountess Rhonda and other British Peers in their own right.

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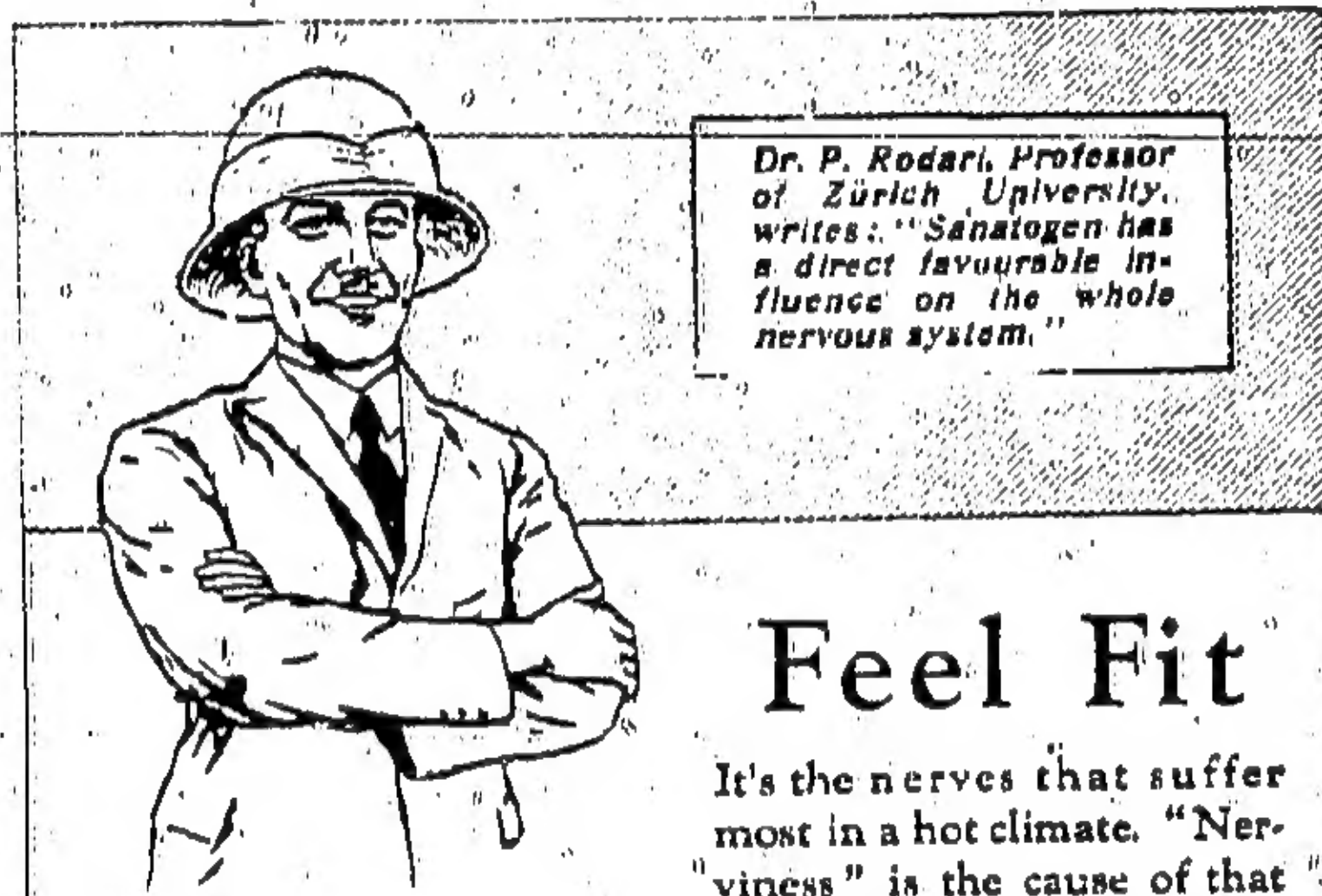
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VIEWS OF CHINA.

THE BLUE CITY OF THE MONGOLS.

THE TRADERS OF KUEIHUA.

A Special Correspondent of the "N.C. Daily News" writes from Kalgan:—
Against this background, and against the southern escarpment of the Mongolian plateau, where it abuts on Shanai, is set the city of Kueihuacheng, called Kueikhotu or the Blue City by the Mongols. The tribe formerly, in possession of all this part of what is now the North-western Special Area, were the Tumuts. In 1813, when Likdan Khan of the still unconquered Chahars was making war to extend his rule over the whole of Inner Mongolia, the Tumuts of Kueikhotu placed themselves under the protection of the Tsar of Russia. As this availed them nothing materially, in 1833, still looking for help against Likdan Khan, they transferred their allegiance to the Manchus. In 1833 the Manchus defeated Likdan Khan and broke the power of the Chahars—one of the last resurgences of the old Mongol spirit. The next year, being secure from attack from without, and to make more secure their power, within their borders, they deposed the prince of the Tumuts on the score of his former Russian connection and reorganised the Tumuts as bannermen.

The Starting Point.

For generations Kueihua has been celebrated as the starting point and journey's end of the caravans that trade into the Far West and what better name could be found for such a town than the Blue City? The caravans travel across grassland and gravel desert to Uliassutai under the slopes of the Altai or Golden Mountains in Outer Mongolia; to the little isolated Mongol principality of Alashan in Inner Mongolia, and to Barkul and Kueikhotu on the borders of Sinkiang. Those caravans that travel to Kueikhotu by the "Winding Road," as it is called, through Inner Mongolia, carry almost the only men who ever see that "lost" community, the Etsingol "old" Torquuts, who live along a little river that rises in the desert and disappears in the desert, and on whose banks was once the city of Etsingol, described by Marco Polo. Back to Kueihua the caravans bring wool and skins from Outer Mongolia, and wool, skins and cotton from Sinkiang—long-staple cotton, grown from American seed in the hot oasis of Turfan. The oasis lies below sea-level, and in the summer the people have to live still lower. It is so hot that they cannot emerge from their cellars during the day. Cotton-growing in Central Asia is a fruit of Russian enterprise and encouragement before the war. After all the long journey across Mongolia by camel, by rail from Kueihua and by steamer from Tientsin, it competes with American cotton in the Shanghai markets.

But among the merchandise listed by staid custom-house officials as "sundry imports" are ranked the names most consonant with the caravan trade and most reminiscent of the accounts of early travellers. From Uliassutai come horns of the wapiti, the Asiatic elk, which are worth Tls. 10 a catty in Kueihua and the Lord knows how much in the medicine shops of Peking and Tientsin. I have never found out precisely what nostrum is compounded from them, but some say it is a kuo yao, which wrapped in a bundle and placed on any part of the body that hurts will relieve pain. As the horns are worth no money except in the velvet, the elk are harassed most just in the breeding season, so that they are rapidly being exterminated. Another medicine, the demand for which is still more deadly to the elk, is made from the newly-formed embryo—lu t'ai. It is a sovereign specific, whether taken by man or woman, for childlessness. Strangely enough, the wapiti seem to be hunted for this only in Manchuria, not in Outer Mongolia or the belt of forest country North-west of Kueihua where there are still elk to be found.

Raw Jade from Khotan.

From Hami and Turfan come raisins and dried apricots—fresh grapes are a dollar a picul in Hami. Raw jade comes from Khotan, known to the Chinese of classical times as Yu-Tien, the Kingdom of Jade. If you are friendly with the curio dealers of Peking you can see that raw jade piled at the back of their shops, where it looks as coarse as flint but is said to have come from Imperial stocks in the palace. In rooms to which the tourist does not penetrate are craftsmen working with lathes and modern diamond drills, turning out the beautiful work, worthy of the old masters, which graces many an American home as Ben Jade from the Forbidden City—or sometimes, if the tourist has paid enough, from an Imperial tomb. Among the articles listed by the Chinese Government Bureau of Economic Information are "rhinoceros horns" from Sinkiang.

What these can be I do not understand, unless they are like the fossilised horns sometimes dug up in Honan. The Chinese call them Dragon Teeth and they too have their honourable place in the Chinese pharmacopoeia.

The traders of Kueihua are the right men for their adventurous but profitable commerce with the far fringes of what was once an Empire. Some of the great trading houses were founded 200 years and more ago by merchant adventurers from Shanai, the province which has played in the exploitation of the Western trade the part that Devon played in Elizabethan England. The man however who owns the largest caravan firm and is the head of the caravan guild did not inherit his business; but started as a lad of 17, leading camels on the Kueikhotu road. From Kueikhotu to Kueihua the Outer road is the longer, but makes for easier and more rapid travel, as it lies through the grasslands. Heavy goods caravans take 120 days or sometimes even more. Fast camels for travellers take 70 days, or if you are willing to pay for camels killed, 50 days. Many years ago, however, this man, on a matter of urgency, covered the distance in 27 days, travelling with three camels, which he rode in turn, and travelling all alone. The record is likely to stand for all time. He is over 70 now, but can still shout orders in his office as if he were disposing of a camp in the desert.

Ancient Glories.

He has not been back to his birthplace in Hami for a generation, but still loves to speak of its glories, the easy life, the plentiful food and above all the melons. In the days when Emperors did things in the right way and damned the expense, which was borne by their subjects, an annual tribute of melons was sent from Hami to Peking, carried for more than 2,000 miles on camels, and delivered in faultless condition. The despatch of the melon caravan was the great event of the year. The melons were given an Imperial send-off; the populace were on holiday and the expenditure of firecrackers exceeded that of the New Year. That spectacle I suppose no foreigner ever witnessed, nor will it ever occur again.

Author's Note: The remarks in this and the preceding article on the history of the Mongols, are based on an article by the late G. C. Binsted, Lieutenant, Essex Regiment, on "The Tribal and Administrative System of Mongolia." It appeared in "The Far Eastern Review" (Shanghai and Manila) July, 1918. Lieutenant Binsted was killed in the War.

PROBLEM OF UNFIT.

Paris, July 3.—The International Eugenetic Federation is at present holding a conference in Paris. The opening meeting, which was private, was presided over by Major Darwin, son of the great naturalist, the other British delegate being Sir Bernard Mallet, France, Holland, Belgium, and Norway were among the countries represented.

Among the questions which will be discussed by the conference are those of obligatory celibacy for mentally deficient and deformed persons, the introduction of legislation requiring a health certificate before marriage, the advisability of the reverse of inter-marrying between cousins, the question of emigration, and immigration, as influencing the physical growth of race, and the care of children.

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A GOLDEN AGE.

A golden age is approaching when men and women will be immortal, according to Dr. Will Durant, an American doctor of philosophy.

He foresees the normal span of life gradually being lengthened, as man probes deeper into the secrets of science, and believes that in a hundred years from now centenarians will be quite common.

"Man may some day overcome death," he states. "The age when men will cease to die may have its inconveniences, but there is nothing either in science or philosophy inconsistent with the idea of the eventual immortality of the body."

"Death is a scheme of Nature for making room for the young, I suppose that if man conquers death he will by that time cease to grow old and retain the vigour of youth."

It has been the custom for some years past to scorn the scholar and laud the athlete, but a census of men who in their time at American universities were studious rather than athletic, shows that scholarship as a means to good health and ultimate longevity has been misjudged. The book-worm may be the first of the immortals.

Statistics from insurance companies and medical officers of health point to the fact that men and women are living longer.

"Science will undoubtedly lengthen life, but there is no indication that it will find the way to immortality," said Sir Arbuthnot Lane to a "Daily Express" representative. "It is an optimistic doctrine to believe that if science did find the way to immortality mankind would retain its youthful vigour. Besides, would immortality be altogether worth while?" That is the real problem.

CREMATION.

ADVOCATED BY KING'S PHYSICIAN.

The various sections of the annual congress of the Royal Sanitary Institute were in session on July 7, some at the Mansion House and some at the Central Hall, Westminster. While the arrangements for individual sections are ample and excellent, this rather wide dispersion of the meetings is somewhat inconvenient to members, who have sometimes to hurry from one section to another.

At the Mansion House the Mayor of Westminster presided over the conference of representatives of sanitary authorities in the absence of Sir William Pryke, Lord Mayor of London, and Sir Thomas Horder, Bart., physician to the King, opened a discussion on cremation. He urged the importance of education of public opinion on this question. Cremation has been made legal, but it is not encouraged by the law. Cremation is still hampered by difficulties some of which are necessary on medico-legal grounds, but such difficulties should, he thought, be reduced to a minimum because on sanitary grounds earth-burial was an abomination, and on economic grounds an extravagance.

The main factor in retarding cremation was a false sentiment, which could only be removed by education and experience. Nothing could be more morbid and depressing than the ordinary cemetery, but there were already in existence "Gardens of Remembrance" where the ashes of the dead could be deposited under circumstances that appealed alike to religious and artistic feelings.

OPALS NOT "UNLUCKY."

The opal is becoming one of the most popular gems in London. Women, who have always been superstitious about opals, are now buying them in great numbers. The old tradition that opals bring bad luck to the wearer appears to have vanished.

"I am selling more opals than other gems," said a leading London jeweller to a "Daily Express" representative. "Women customers who formerly would not accept an opal as a gift, are now buying them in preference to diamonds and pearls."

The opal was given its bad name by the Rabbi Benoni in the fourteenth century. For 600 years it has been regarded as a stone with a curse, fatal to love, and sowing discord between giver and receiver.

Part of a suburban railway station waiting room is to be converted into a refreshment room. It is not known what local official will perform the ceremony of laying the foundation bun.—"London Opinion."

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